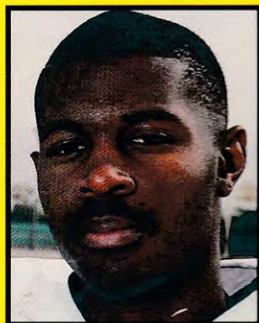
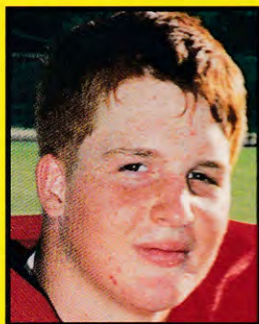


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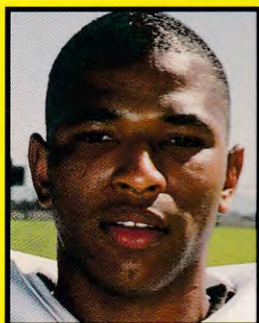
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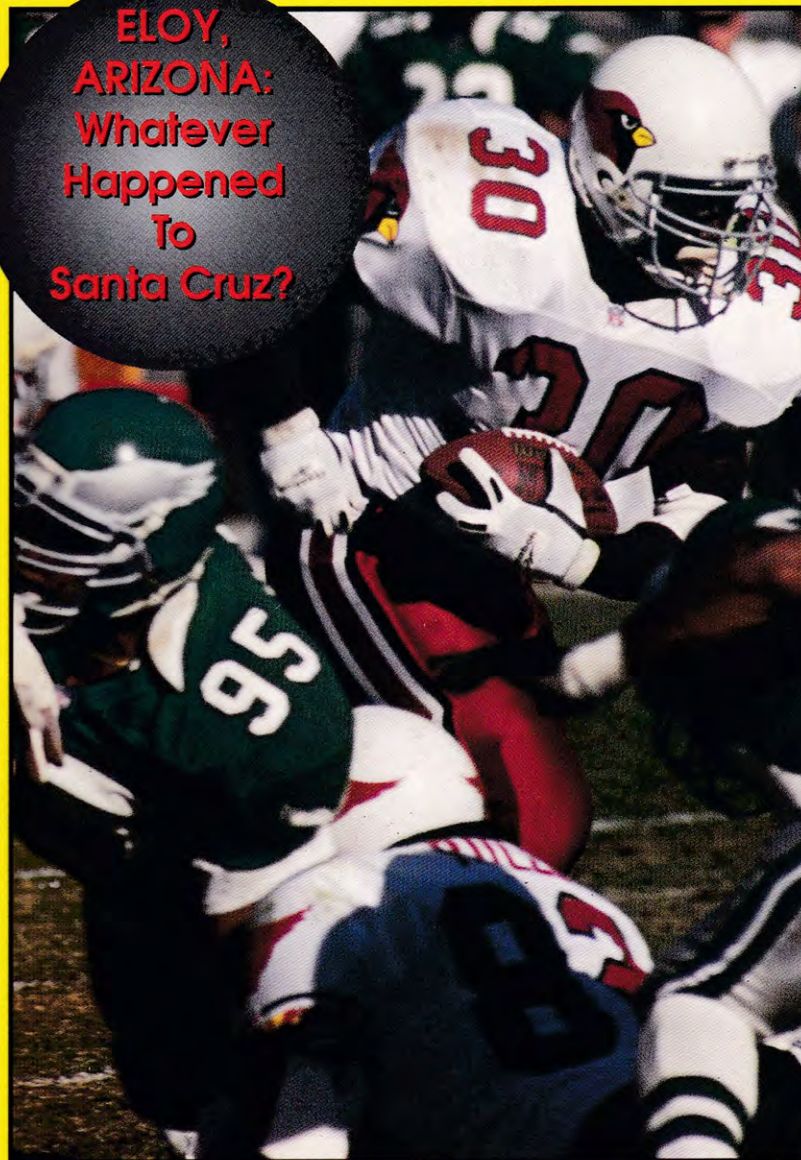
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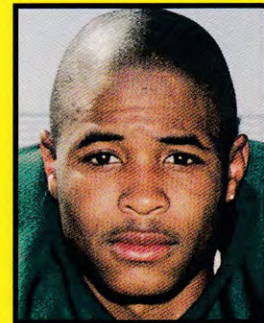


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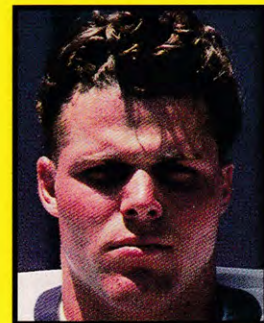
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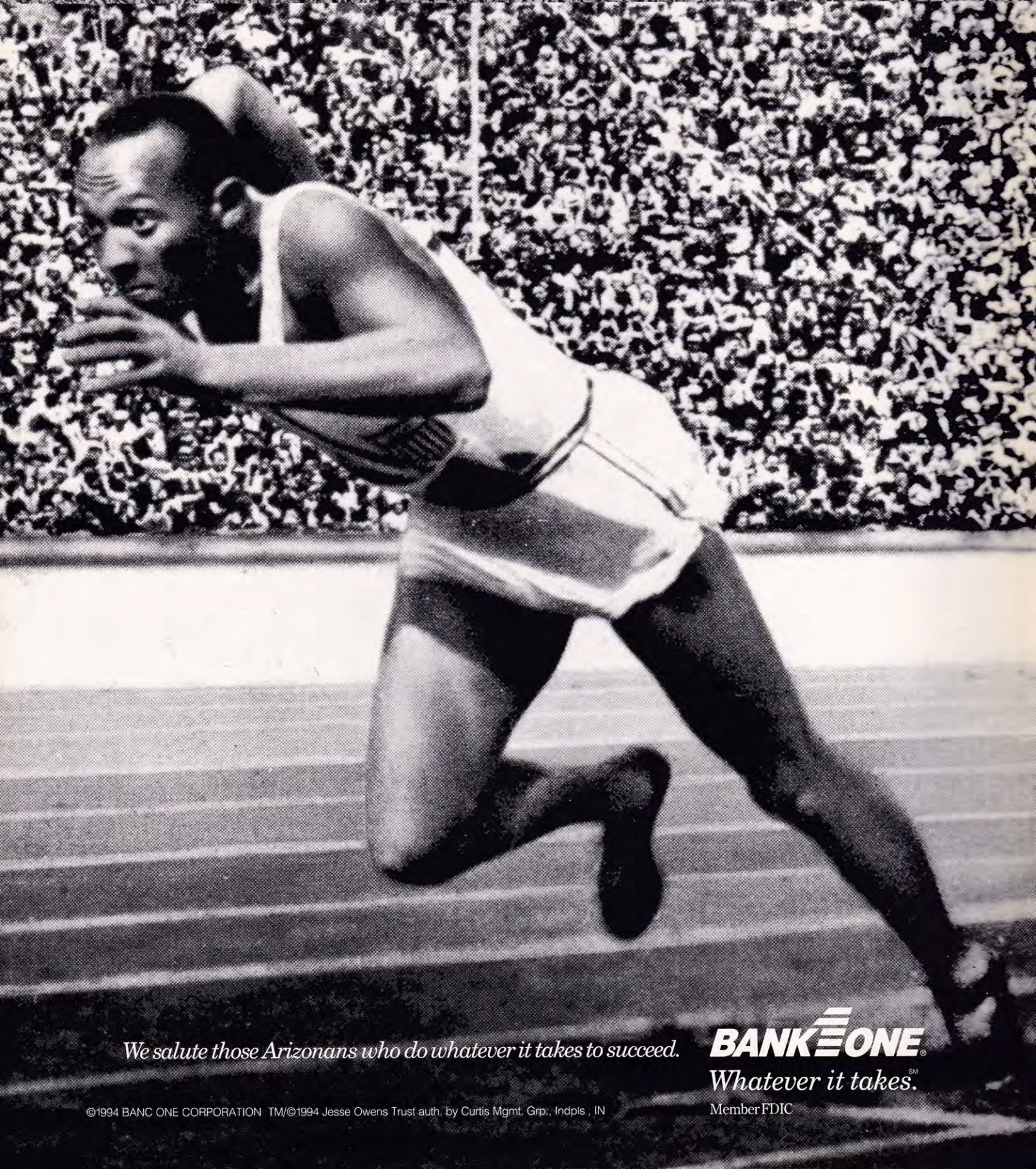
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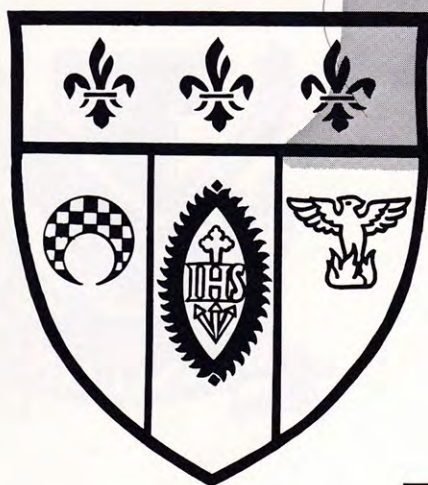
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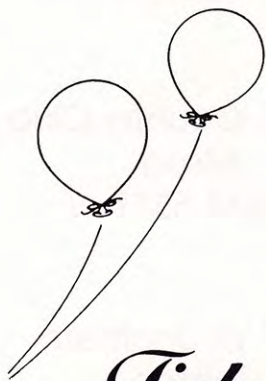
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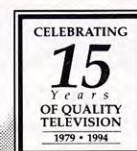
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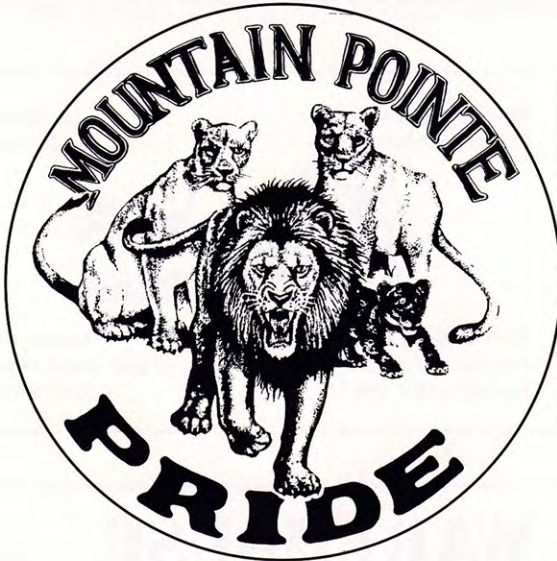
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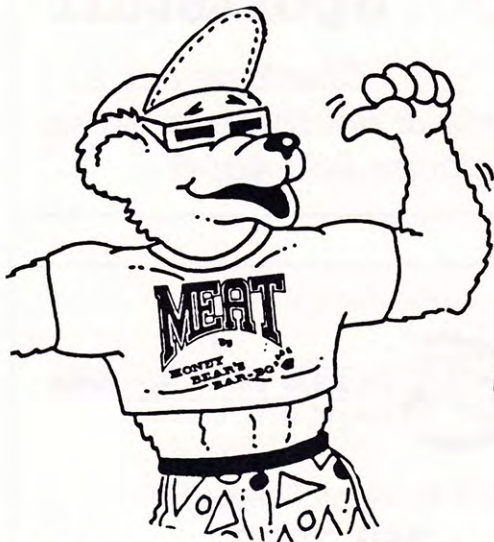
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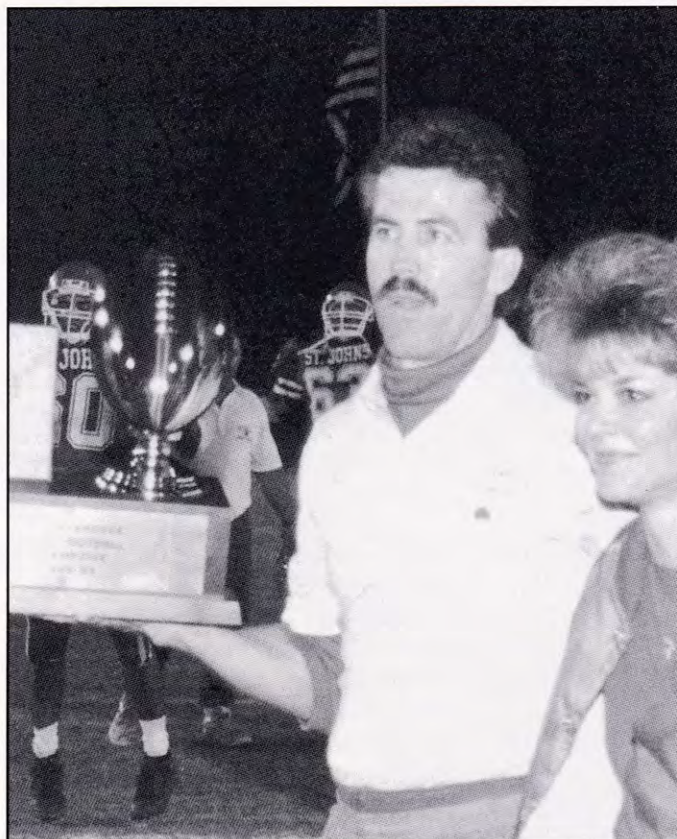
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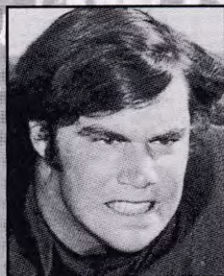
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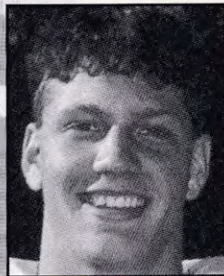
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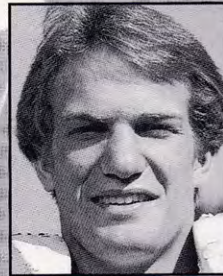
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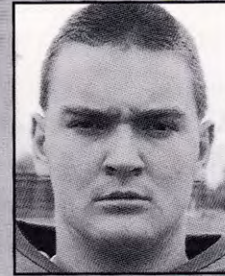
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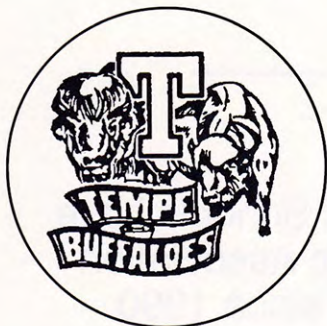
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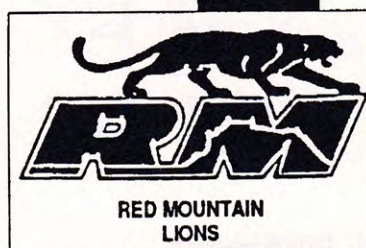
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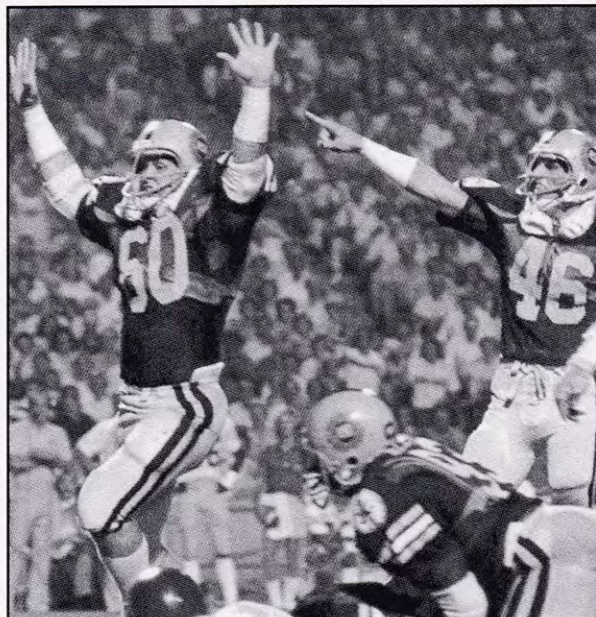
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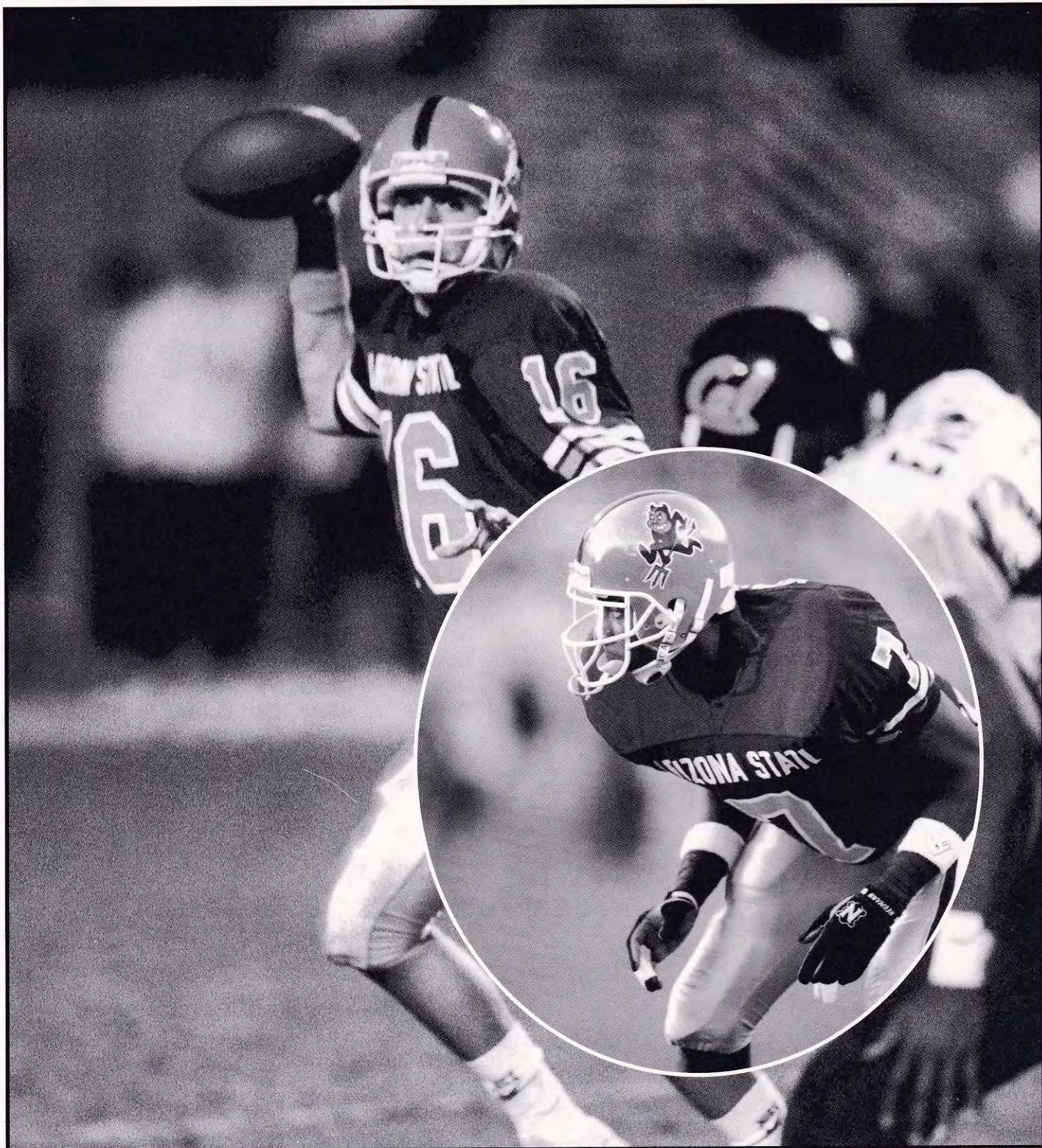
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Quarterback Jake Plummer, who earned freshman All-America honors, passed for 1,650 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior cornerback Craig Newsome is being considered for the Jim Thorpe Award.

By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

Who's going to replace tailback Mario Bates? Who's going to replace defensive end Shante Carver? How will the Devils fair in Bruce Snyder's third year as Arizona State's head football coach?

These are several of the many question marks facing both coaches and fans alike, as A-State prepares for its toughest schedule since entering the Pac-10 in 1978.

Of ASU's 11 scheduled contests, six are against teams that went to bowls in 1993 and one, Washington, would have if it were not on probation. In addition to the always rigorous conference schedule, the Devils have home matchups with perennial powers Miami and Louisville and an away date at former Wac rival Brigham Young.

Fortunately for Snyder, the proverbial cupboard isn't bare.

He has a proven if young leader at quarterback. Sophomore Jake Plummer (6-2, 189) displayed poise beyond his years as a true freshman a year ago, making six straight starts to end the season and rallying the Devils to a 4-2 record during that span. The signal-caller from Boise, Ida. completed 81-of-159 (.509) passes for 1,243 yards in those starts including seven touchdowns and just four interceptions. He put the college football world on alert when he completed his first career pass attempt to Carlos Artis for a 78-yard touchdown against Utah.

"Jake is a talented young person," Snyder said of the 19-year-old. "He has a great arm and great field vision and he saw more of the field than any freshman quarterback I had ever been around."

Plummer was the first true freshman

quarterback to start at ASU since 1984, and earned second-team *Football News* Freshman All-America honors.

With Bates slashing through holes in the NFL, flyback Parnell Charles (6-1, 230) will step into the limelight. He is coming off an excellent junior season that the coaching staff hopes he can improve upon.

Junior Chris Hopkins (5-11, 183) will replace Bates at tailback. "Hopkins is a great football player," Snyder said. "Good things seem to happen when he's in the game."

Size along the offensive front should not be a problem. The responsibility of opening holes for Charles and Hopkins rests on the shoulders of left guard Juan Roque (6-8, 312) and humongous left tackle Jeff Kysar (6-7, 320). "I like our returning tackles in terms of their size and experience," Snyder said.

Mike Hanson (6-5, 245) redshirted last year and should see significant time this season at tackle and on special teams. Troy Martz (6-3, 245), a two year letter winner, and Kyle Murphy (6-4, 265) will battle for the center spot, vacated by the departed Toby Mills, a four-year starter.

Tackle DeMario Vaughn (6-5, 283) started eight games on the right side of the line and will compete for postseason honors. Joe Cajic (6-4, 289) will get the nod at right guard now that "Taco" Togiai and Chuck Underwood are gone. Junior Steve Bush (6-3, 257) is the starting tight end.

Johnny (J.T.) Thomas (5-11, 174), who led last year's team with 34 receptions in only nine games, is the deep threat of the receiving corps. Clyde McCoy (6-1, 167), a three-year letterwinner, has been a consistent wideout since he first called Tempe home four years ago. He started

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Sept. 24	@ California
Oct. 1	Open Date
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Oct. 15	@ Washington
Oct. 22	Washington State
Oct. 29	@ BYU
Nov. 5	@ Oregon
Nov. 12	UCLA
Nov. 19	Open Date
Nov. 25	@ Arizona

all 11 contests last year, the only Devil receiver to do so, and caught 30 passes for 449 yards.

"Clyde McCoy is one of the most consistent players we have on the football team," Snyder said. "While not spectacular, he just does everything well."

While young faces dot the ASU offense, seven starters return from a defense that posted two shutouts and held its opponents without a touchdown for 10 straight quarters during the Devils' 4-2 finish. Returning starters along the front include tackle Bryan Proby (6-5, 273) and end Ken Talanoa (6-4, 267). Talanoa started eight games a year ago and Proby finished the season with 39 tackles.

Sophomore Shawn Swayda (6-4, 262) will start alongside Proby and senior Eric Schmidt (6-0, 232) will hold the other rush end spot. Returners Kendall Rhyne (6-3, 209) and Harlen Rashada (6-2, 201) are the mainstays at the gunner and rover positions, respectively.

Justin Dragoo (6-3, 231) returns to head an experienced group of linebackers. Jason Kyle (6-3, 235), 255) and Dan Lucas (6-2, 235) also will be counted on to provide leadership.

Senior left cornerback Craig Newsome (6-0, 175) could be the next great player to roam an ASU secondary that has featured NFL stars Mike Haynes, Eric Allen and David Fulcher, to name just a few.

Junior Marcus Soward (5-11, 174) at right corner and senior free safety Eddie Cade (6-1, 192) join Newsome in the secondary.

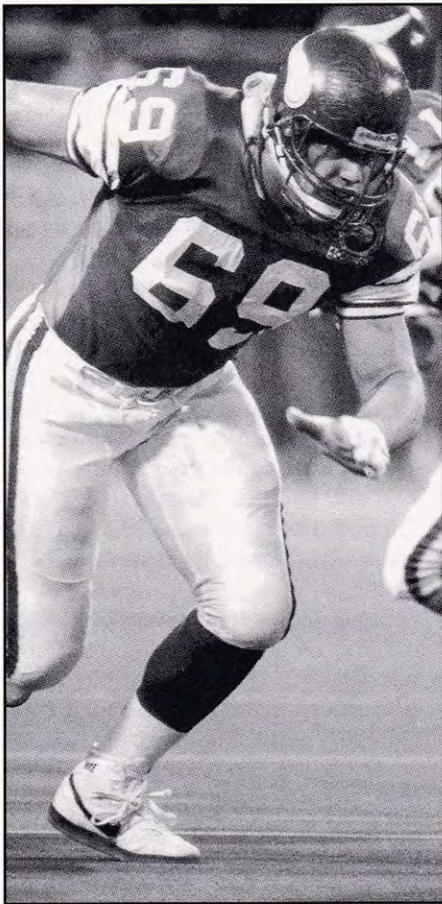
Senior place-kicker Jon Baker (6-1, 170) hit on 18 of 26 field goals a year ago, and sophomore Lance Anderson (6-1, 219) will get the nod at the punter position.

Best of the Sun Devils

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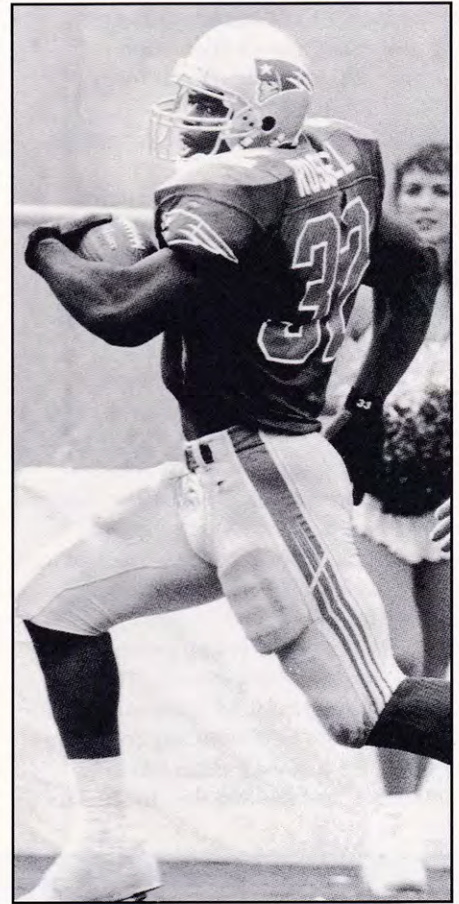
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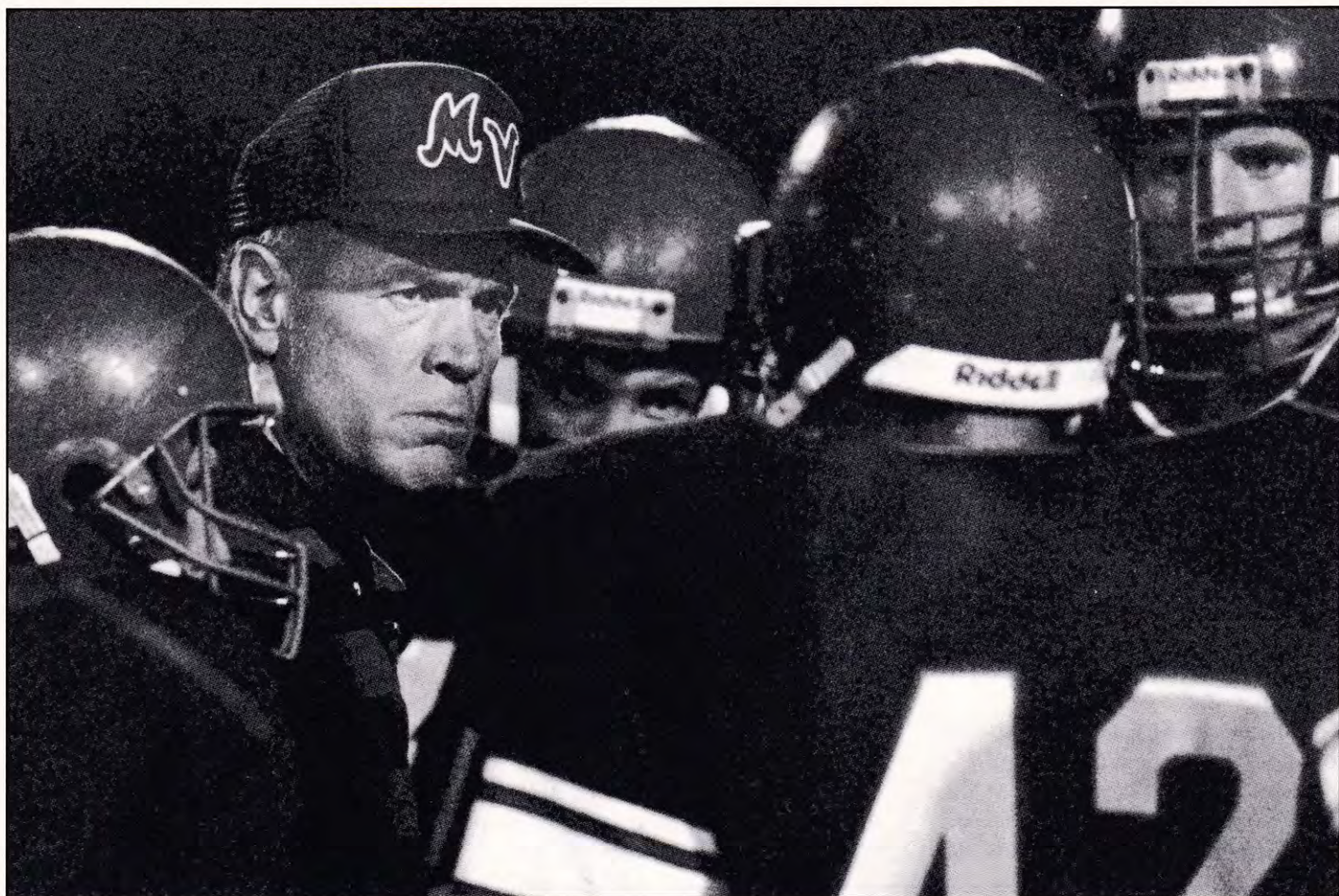


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It's hard to put a finger on it; trying to determine what big play sealed South Mountain's fate in the Class 5A championship game.

Was it Brandon Berkley's 90-yard kickoff return? That hurt. Was it Tyler Wheeler's 79-yard interception return? That hurt too.

Whatever it was, South Mountain was buried by Mountain View 38-7, in a game predicted to be much closer than the score. Last year's crowd of 20,142 was the third largest in Arizona championship history, and outdrew the crowds at both the Texas large school finals in Arlington, and the Southern California title game in Anaheim.

"What impressed me the most about South was the crowd," said Toro head coach Jesse Parker, who now has won four state championships at the Mesa school. "You think of South as a bas-

ketball school. But it looked like half the crowd was from South Mountain."

The 1988 finals between Mountain View and Mesa Westwood drew 23,487, and a matchup between Phoenix Central and St. Mary's attracted 20,800 in 1969.

But the person who did South in didn't even suit up. His eligibility is over. He just coaches. Jesse Parker beat South. The Jaguars were buried in an avalanche of tradition. South, coached by Cleveland Dansby, was beaten by a coaching staff well drilled in championship bouts. The Toros were playing in their seventh title game since 1978; South only its third ever.

It isn't as though Mountain View had no talent. But excluding fullback Josh Lowe, who signed with BYU, most Toro seniors were recruited by the likes of Scottsdale Community

College, Phoenix College or Mesa CC, while Jaguars like Terry Fair (Tennessee) and Kenny Cheatham (Nebraska) were recruited by everybody.

"I knew we weren't going to score much," said South assistant Rick Molina. "They play great defense. I knew from my days at Marcos de Niza that we would have trouble moving the ball. Especially in a big game like that. So, when *they* moved the ball on *us* right away, I knew we were in trouble."

You had company, coach.

Thirteen foes fell to the Toros. Only Scottsdale Horizon, which upset the Toros in the season opener, shut them down. The win over South was Parker's fifth state title, having guided Phoenix Camelback to the large school crown in 1974 (see *Yesterday's Heroes*). He enters the '94 campaign with a 223-

61-3 career mark, fifth best in state history. Only one active coach, Mountain Pointe's Karl Kiefer, has won more.

Three 5A championship game records were broken, starting with Fair returning a punt 82 yards for a score in the third quarter. But Berkley returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards. It was the first time in 54 years of Arizona schoolboy football that records were broken on ensuing plays. In 1939, Buckeye's John Parker got off a 75-yard third down "quick kick" against Glendale, but Brackston Whitaker chased it down and returned it 102 yards for a touchdown. Wheeler's 79-yard interception return against South also set a title game record.

The 5A finals drew terrific media coverage. KTAR Radio broadcasted the game live, and Dimension Cable tape-delayed the contest on Channel 22 in Glendale and Peoria; Channel 28 for Phoenix and the East Valley.

A high scoring game was expected, but not by just one team. The 38-7 final was the third largest rout in 5A championship history. Only Tucson's 54-16 rout of Sunnyslope in 1970, and

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Arcadia's 40-7 whipping of Tucson in 1962 were won by larger margins.

But the real credit goes to Parker. If the feisty head coach stays in the profession, he may some day win 300

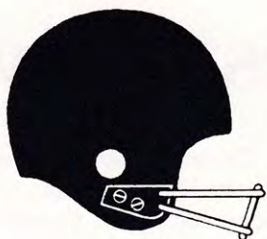
games. Only four high school coaches in history have won 300 or more games: Pete Adkins of Jefferson City, Missouri, and three South Carolina legends, John McKissick of Summerville, Willie Varner of Woodruff and Julius "Pinky" Babb of Greenwood. All are active coaches except Babb.

"Like all championship teams, this was a special group," said Parker, who proved you win championships with defense. "After losing to Mesa the year before ... they worked hard for this."

"It feels good to be here, but it feels pretty bad to lose the game," Fair told *The Phoenix Gazette*. "But it does feel nice that we made it this far."

"I'm glad for the program, the school and the community," said Dansby, whose club finished 11-2 with 10 juniors in the starting lineup. "This installed some spirit, some pride, some dignity. We can compete with the best."

"The community is behind us a lot," concluded Fair, whose punt return was one of South's few highlights. "Even though we lost, I think they're still behind us."



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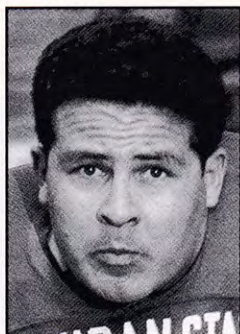
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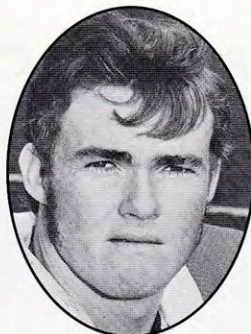
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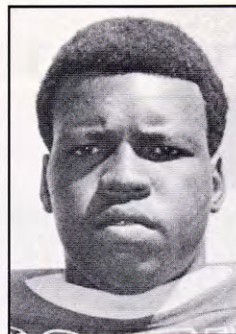
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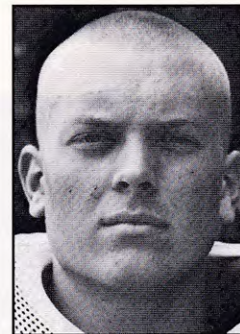
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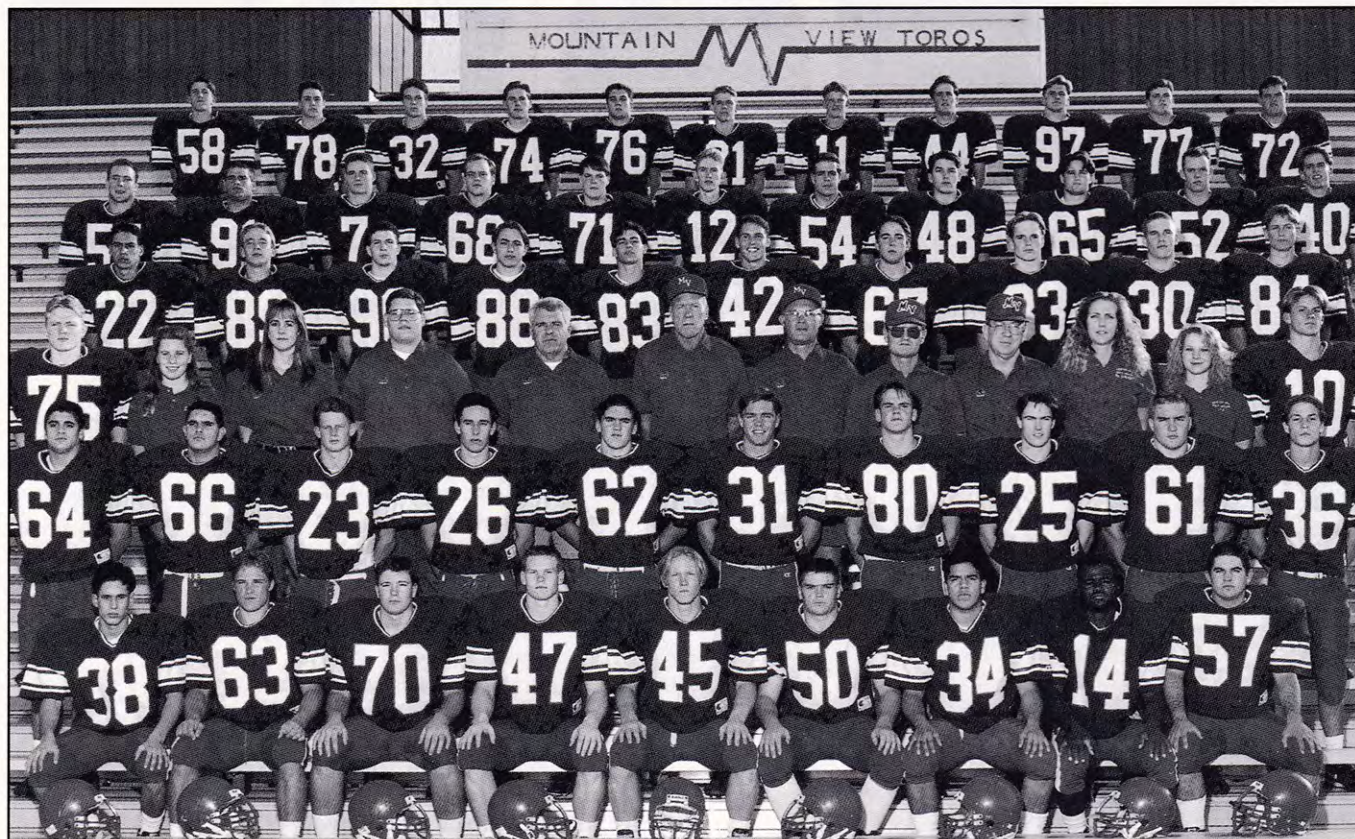
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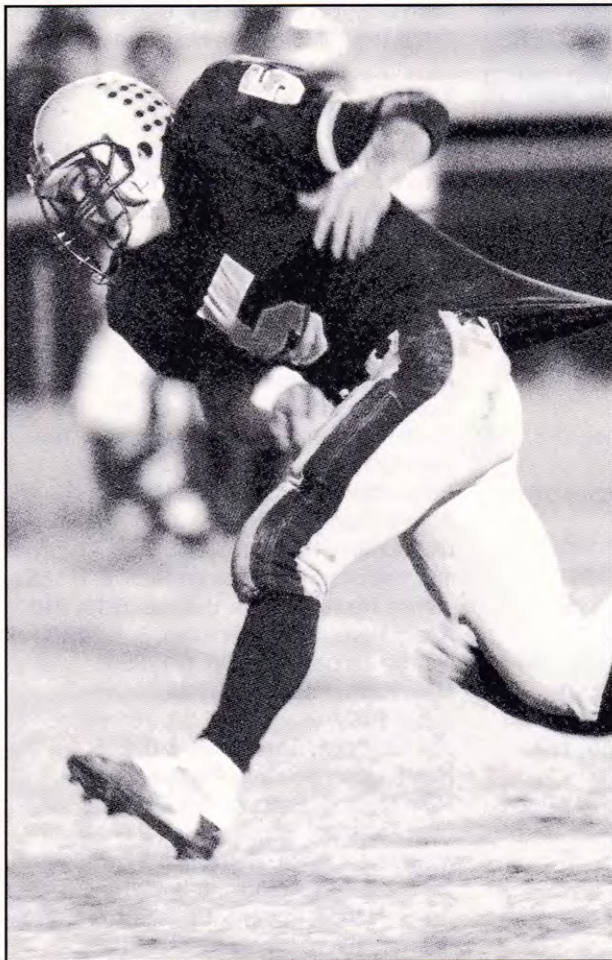


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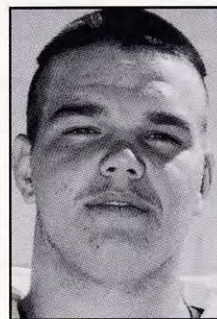
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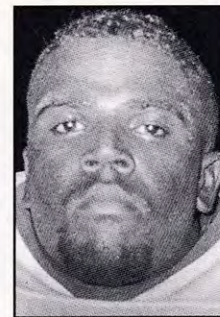
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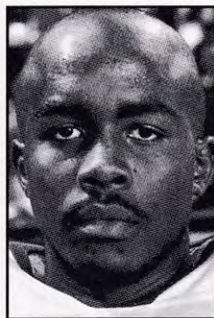
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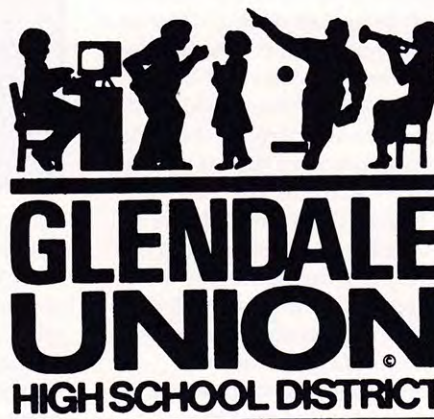
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Quarterback Jeff Voight avoids a tackle by Westwood's Aaron Hammond during a 13-10 win over the Warriors. (Gazette photo)

Horizon's Time To Shine

It had been a long time since a Scottsdale area school had a season like **Horizon**. Playing one of the toughest non-league schedules in the state, the Huskies went 5-0 with 15 juniors starting. They beat state champ Mountain View 17-6, Brophy Prep 27-14, Phoenix St. Mary's 27-25, Trevor Browne 38-0 and Westwood 13-10.

They went unbeaten through the Desert Valley Region before Mesa turned their fantasy into a 35-7 nightmare. But look for them to be better. Coach Doug Shaffer returns a whole herd of Huskies from that 10-1 club, including five Scottsdale all-city first team selections. John Clayton (5-8, 180) rushed for 1,249 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. His 212 yards against Mountain View, including touchdowns of 90 and 81 yards, doomed the Toros. Against Brophy Prep he dashed for 189 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Talented QB Jeff Voight (5-11, 180) passed for 645 yards and eight touchdowns in the Huskies' run-oriented offense. He rushed for 117 yards and three scores. Two-way linemen Mike Malano (6-4, 250) and Ryan Wing (6-1, 220) are big play guys. So is center Nate McLaughlin (5-11,

5A DESERT VALLEY

1. Scottsdale Horizon
2. Deer Valley
3. Scottsdale Saguaro
4. Shadow Mountain
5. North Canyon
6. Yuma Kofa

200), tackle Nelson Jacob (6-1, 255) and defensive end D.J. Vasquez (5-11, 211). With Vasquez and Wing in the lineup, Horizon might have the toughest flanks to crack in 5A ball. Horizon is solid at line-backer, with Brooks Tyree (5-9, 215) and Trevor Wilde (5-11, 190). Tyree, who gained 733 yards as a fullback, recorded 64 unassisted tackles. Other gifted two-way players - game-tested all - include WB/DB Jason Paoletti, SE/DB Jeremiah Johnson, SE/DB James Pazak, LB/WB Brendon DiLandri and OL/LB Chris Berry. Depth-wise, it didn't hurt when big Jeff Johansen (6-4, 277) moved in from North Canyon.

Horizon's opener on Sept. 9 could be a dandy. They play state champ Mountain

View at home in the ASPN-TV high school game of the week.

Deer Valley, coached by Fred Haeger, got to the quarterfinals, posted four shutouts on the way, and an 8-4 record. Graduation stripped the Skyhawks of almost every key position - except tailback - where the top 5A rusher in the state is back. Senior Phil Hayward (5-10, 195, 4.5) carried the ball 240 times for 1,860 yards and 18 touchdowns. Big days: 234 yards against Shadow Mountain; 221 yards vs. Horizon; four touchdowns against Saguaro; a 99-yard TD dash vs. Trevor Browne.

"We need to replace three all-region linemen, both wideouts and our quarterback," claims Haeger. "That's a key position. Phil can't do it all by himself."

Hayward's best buddies will be his tackles, senior Scott Dyke (6-4, 235) and junior Miguel Regalado (6-2, 220). Guards Scott Minger (5-8, 180) and Dave Sorenson (6-3, 215, jr.) will help. Tight end Matt Edlebeck (6-4, 210) is a solid blocker. Senior Josh Cohen (6-1, 195) might start at quarterback. Matt Cordova (6-2, 175) and Mike Pudwill (5-10, 175) should be the wideouts. Defensively, LB Andri Dukeshire (5-10,

1994 Phoenix Metro 5A Top 20

1. Horizon Huskies
2. Red Mountain Lions
3. South Mountain Jaguars
4. Dobson Mustangs
5. Mountain View Toros
6. Corona del Sol Aztecs
7. St. Mary's Knights
8. Westwood Warriors
9. Trevor Browne Burins
10. Maryvale Panthers
11. Mesa Jackrabbits
12. Deer Valley Skyhawks
13. Brophy Prep Broncos
14. Mountain Pointe Pride
15. McClintock Chargers
16. Marcos de Niza Padres
17. Chandler Wolves
18. Saguaro Sabercats
19. North Mustangs
20. Camelback Spartans

200) and tackle Chad Brun (6-0, 215, jr.) are starters. Linebacker Bobby Kirby (5-11, 185) is one of the best punters in the region.

The coaches are optimistic at **Scottsdale Saguaro**, and that's a switch. The Sabercats haven't had a winning season since 1988. Last year they won two games. "But we return eight starters on defense and six on offense," says second-year coach Tim Beck. "The kids played hard all season and never quit."

Two-way back Mike Brown (5-11, 188), only a junior, made 100 tackles in the secondary. On 98 carries he rushed for 665 yards and scored eight TDs. He averaged 17.7 yards per catch. With 4.5 speed he's the fastest 'Cat in camp. Like Brown, senior tackle Nate McBride (6-1, 217) and junior 'backer Steve Hannant (6-2, 210) earned all-league votes. McBride recovered six fumbles. Hannant helped on 101 tackles.

Junior QB Ryan Smith (6-4, 185) passed for 448 yards and three TDs. Linemen Quinn Goldsberry (6-3, 225), Terry Mastey (6-3, 225) and transfer Mike Baker (6-8, 290) add size and strength to a thin senior class. Saguaro finished strong, beating North Canyon 28-0 and Yuma Kofa 32-0 to finish 2-8.

Last year **Shadow Mountain** had its first winning season in a decade, as Mark Stanley's Matadors went 6-4. "It was a very

productive season," said Stanley. "We missed the playoffs by a three point loss to Deer Valley. We'll be young this year, but not short on talent."

Senior Andrew Taylor (6-2, 210), with 4.8 speed, is one of the better two-way players in the region. He plays tight end and linebacker. John O'Leary (6-2, 235) and Kevin Cooper (6-2, 215) are two-way linemen who will see lots of action. The junior class looks to RB/LB P.J. Leon (6-0, 180) for leadership. Sophomore Ryan Winn (6-0, 160) might start in the secondary.

Last year, **North Canyon** had no spring ball or passing league, and most seniors moved over to Paradise Valley High. Still, the Rattlers managed to win three games, so the upcoming season looks better. "We need to focus on coming together as a program," explains veteran coach Tom Wheatley, 120-53-3 in the prep ranks.

Jason Parr (5-11, 160) or James Wickes (6-1, 151, jr.) will be the quarterback. The tight end is a sure thing, senior Dave Hightower (5-11, 208). He also starts at linebacker. Center Larry Garrett (6-4, 234) also plays tackle. Chris Gallatin (6-1, 190) and Matt Grundler (6-4, 208), both seniors, are next to each other on the line. Fullback Ron Sherron (5-11, 203) also starts at line-backer. Still, the strength of the Rattlers might be the junior class, with Chez Collins, Brian Baumener, Aaron Cline, John

Geigley, Aaron Rawls and Mike Martin potential starters. Collins, a safety, was the Rattlers' defensive leader as a sophomore.

5A EAST VALLEY

1. Mesa Red Mountain
2. Mesa Mountain View
3. Mesa Westwood
4. Tempe Mountain Pointe
5. Tempe Marcos de Niza
6. Gilbert

Maybe, just maybe, it's **Red Mountain's** turn. Only seven years old, the Mountain Lions have played in the shadow of rival Mountain View, but last year they made the race close. The Toros beat their rivals 25-21 in a key league matchup. However, a 34-28 win over Mountain Pointe sent Jimmy Jones' young club into the playoffs, where they dropped a 27-26 heartbreaker to Canyon del Oro.

"We felt we should have gone farther in the playoffs," insists Jones. "We lost four games by a total of nine points. But this could be our best group. Our strength will be experience."

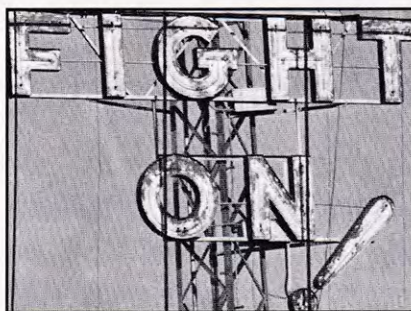
In seniors Gerald Green (5-9, 175) and Phillip Bunch (6-4, 275), the Lions have a blue-chip back and a blue-chip lineman. Green, with 4.6 speed, rushed for 1,237 yards last year. During a win over Brophy Prep he rushed for 250 yards. He gained 1,076 as a sophomore. Bunch, a second team all-state pick, started all season at tackle and should be a good one.

But the best athlete on the team looks like Jimmy Hammond (6-1, 185, 4.6), who led the team in interceptions and started at quarterback. Center Chris Mericle (6-1, 180), guard Mike DeLatorre (6-1, 230), tackle Mike Gosney (6-3, 230), deep backs Brandon Lennox (5-10, 175) and B.J. Wooten (6-0, 185), along with linebackers Lennox Gordon (6-0, 180) and Adam Goins (5-8, 185) all started. Lineman Ryan Corkhill, and two-way backs Ben McPherron, Steve Jansen and Rod Holmes lettered.

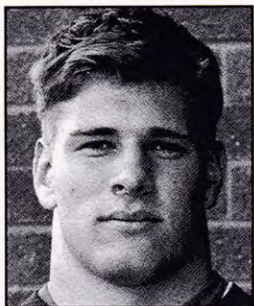
It was another great year at **Mountain View**, where Jesse Parker's Toros regrouped after dropping their opener to Horizon, and beat 13 straight foes, including South Mountain 38-7 in the 5A finals. The game attracted 20,142 fans to Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

"We had outstanding players last year," said Parker in an understatement. "But more important, they were outstanding young men. Bright, committed and determined. It was one of the most enjoyable

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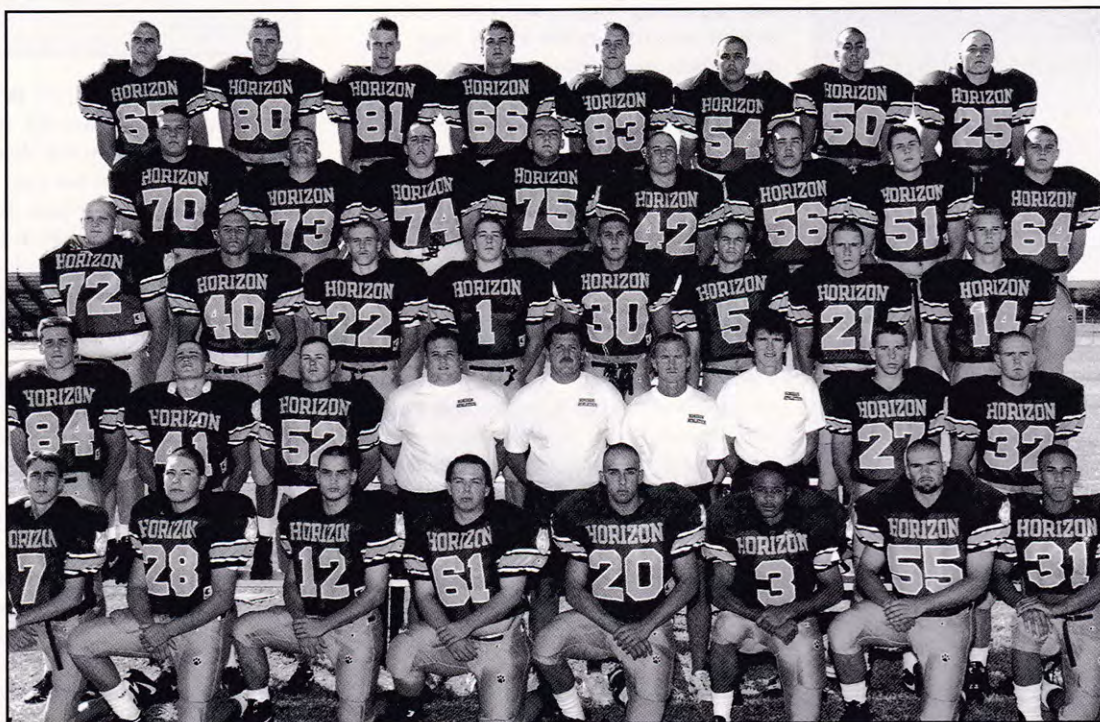
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528	Mesa	1920-93
476	Tucson	1912-93
433	Safford	1925-93
400	Winslow	1915-93
396	Round Valley	1921-93
391	Phoenix St. Mary's	1938-93
389	Gilbert	1923-93
387	Douglas	1906-93
364	Flagstaff	1923-93
359	Snowflake	1929-93
358	Miami	1923-93
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years I've spent in coaching."

Again, the Toros are looking at a good year, with most of the defense returning. "If we develop an offensive line we have the skill players to make another run at the title," warns the head coach, winner of 223 games in the Arizona prep ranks.

In Tyler Wheeler (5-9, 180, 4.7) and Kurt Wallin (6-1, 235, 4.9), Mountain View returns two stars from the 5A title game. Wheeler plays tight end and linebacker. Wallin can start at fullback or down lineman. Joel Gilbert (5-11, 195) and J.B. Patterson (5-10, 195) start at guard and defensive tackle. Chris Malone (6-1, 165) fills in at quarterback for departed Joe Germaine. David Campbell (5-11, 185) is the center. Tight end Guy Crandall (6-3, 210) is a solid blocker and a good target.

The secondary looks sound, with hard hitters everywhere. Nathan Yetter (5-10, 180) and Craig Nelson (6-0, 170) start. Both are wideouts on offense. Little Sam Partain (5-9, 170) is a tough linebacker. On offense he's a guard. Transfer Russell Kay (6-1, 200) runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds, plays tight end and linebacker, and could start. Last year's junior varsity finished 7-1, so depth, like in all good programs, will be another strength. The defending state champs open on the road Sept. 9 at Scottsdale Horizon.

Like most Mesa schools, **Westwood** will be solid. Last year linemen carried them throughout the season. This time around the skilled players will be the strength. Coach Curt Palmer, 7-5 in his first year at the helm, has a stable of backs, including runners like Demond Bailey (5-9, 175) and Siaha Burley (5-10, 170). Both run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds. Burley is the better receiver of the two. Both start in the secondary.

Aaron Hammond (6-2, 185), James Smith (6-1, 210) and Matt Shreve (6-0, 215), a tight end in the Warriors' wishbone, are

good, tough linemen. John Maxie (5-10, 180) will join Bailey and Burley in both backfields. All are tough two-way players. Another warning note: Westwood's JV squad went 9-0!

At **Mountain Pointe**, the Pride went 5-5 in its first year in 5A warfare. "It was a start," says Karl Kiefer, the state's winningest all-time coach with a 231-82-3 log. "We will be better."

During their 10-game schedule, six opponents reached the playoffs, including Mesa Dobson, which the Pride beat 24-3 in September. Three weeks later they blitzed rival Corona del Sol 65-14. But an 0-3 finish, all competitive games, left them home at playoff time. Twenty lettermen return, including little Mike Collins (5-8, 150), the club's top receiver. Also a good baseball player, Collins caught 34 passes for 628 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 18.5 yards per catch. His longest reception covered 74 yards.

Collins will join teammates Skeeter Brown (5-10, 170) and Regan Whitesell (5-11, 160) in the Prides' secondary. That will be a strong point. They helped intercept 13 enemy passes last year. Linebacker looks solid with the return of Rob DeFrancesco (5-11, 200), a guard on offense. David Hoffman (6-1, 240) will start at center, but also plays nose guard.

All the above earned all-star votes on last year's all-region squad. Look for the most improvement on defense. Last year "The Pointe" scored 316 points - but gave up 223.

A lack of depth, inexperience and few seniors on the roster made for a 1-9 finish at **Marcos de Niza**. So it's no surprise that 13 starters with a season full of experience return. Seven are linemen. Coach Mike Clupper, in his 5th year with the Padres, looks strong at linebacker, and returns most of his skill players. Good, young

players move up from the junior varsity.

Perry Wilson (6-1, 190), last year's leading tackler, returns at linebacker. Jeff Nelson (6-2, 210) starts at center. Joe Hauptman (6-1, 185) plays guard and defensive end. Speedy Bryan Willingham (6-1, 160) starts at a corner.

Seniors Cory Wood (5-10, 180), Adam Lindstrom (6-1, 195) and Hans Anderson (6-1, 190) start on the line. Junior Jacori Jacobs gained 600-plus yards rushing and receiving as a soph. Returning quarterbacks Randy Downing and Ryan Leyba combined for 1,200 yards passing.

One year soon, **Gilbert** will win its 400th football game. The big question is how soon? Since 1923, the Tigers have won 389 games with 20 different head coaches. John "Doc" Holaday is the latest. "We have no size or experience on the line, and that's bad news in this league," warns Holaday. "With the opening of Highland High, our numbers are still down."

Holaday, who spent a year as offensive coordinator at Gilbert, replaces Richard Gray as head coach. He takes over a team that was 4-6 last season. Before joining the staff at Gilbert, Holaday was the head coach at East High in Salt Lake City, for one year. His coaching resume also includes stints at Peoria, Northern Arizona University, Marana and Eloy Santa Cruz - all as an assistant.

How good his Tigers do this year might depend on how well they improve from week to week. The junior class will be the key. Back Gabe Rojas (5-10, 165) started in the secondary as a sophomore. He also plays wideout. Junior transfer Ryan Tanner (6-0, 180) could start at tailback, or safety, or both. Senior end Kevin Dean (5-9, 150), with 4.6 speed, is the quickest Tiger on campus. It looks like a three-way race at quarterback, between sophomores Blake

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1985 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, RB/DB
1984 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, QB
1983 .. John Walker, Marcos de Niza, QB
1982 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB
1981 .. Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978 .. Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
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1969 .. Danny White, Westwood, QB
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1967 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB
1966 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
1965 .. Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
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Paradise Valley's Paul Shields scored 71 career touchdowns. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

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1951 .. Bob Black, Phoenix Union, E
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1949 .. Danny Seivert, St. Mary's, RB
1948 .. Gene Brown, Phoenix Union, FB
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5A FIESTA

1. Phoenix St. Mary's
2. Phoenix Brophy Prep
3. Phoenix Moon Valley
4. Phoenix Central
5. Glendale Apollo
6. Yuma Cibola

With a group of young players who surprised even their coach, **St. Mary's** won its fourth straight Fiesta Region title and advanced all the way to the semifinals. "It was one of the most gratifying seasons I've been a part of," said Pat Farrell, who has won 76% of his games since 1978, not to mention three 5A state championships.

"However, with only eight returning players, this season will be a new challenge," adds Farrell. "We'll have the youngest team in my career here. But we still anticipate being competitive."

The Knights' offense starts at quarterback, where slick junior Ryan Kealy (6-0, 190) completed 142 of 232 passes (61%) for 1,927 yards and 22 touchdowns. He threw only nine interceptions. Little Roger Aguilar (5-9, 170, 4.6) is one of the better all-round players in the league. The all-region receiver has caught 70 passes for 1,218 yards and 12 touchdowns in two years. He caught three touchdown passes in a playoff game with Westwood. Like Aguilar, senior Dan Schmaltz (5-8, 160, 4.7) starts in the secondary and earned all-

region honors. Senior John Diaz (5-10, 210) is the Knights' best two-way tackle. Junior Jim Sanson (5-9, 165), a two-way back, is also the kicker. Last fall he booted four field goals, the longest 49 yards, and 41 of 42 extra points.

Altogether, five sophomores dotted the varsity roster last year, so St. Mary's might be one year away from a shot at the crown. Besides Kealy and Sanson, remember these three names: Brian Belles, Jim Hill and Andrew Anthony. They might be the St. Mary's stars of the future - and the present.

Brophy Prep started the season with one offensive and three defensive starters returning. Although the Broncos struggled early, losing close games to Horizon, Red Mountain and Mesa Dobson, in region play they lost only once. Coach Tim Sanford's club defeated Phoenix Trevor Browne in the first round of the 5A playoffs, then lost to eventual state champ Mountain View to finish 6-6.

"We have a great opportunity to make the playoffs for the eighth consecutive year," says Sanford, 57-44-2 at the Catholic school. "We return players at 10 starting positions."

Juniors David Hageman (6-2, 210) and Marcus Williams (5-8, 165), along with senior Donya Mitchell (6-0, 215) make up a big, quick backfield. Last year Hageman averaged 6.2 yards per carry on 54 carries, while Williams carried the ball 77 times for 406 yards. Junior Dominic Brunetti (6-0, 195) can play receiver, running back or linebacker. With 4.8 speed he caught 25 passes for 276 yards. On defense he made 52 tackles. In the secondary, junior Matt McDermott (5-10, 155) made 41 tackles and picked off one pass. Senior Steve

Caniglia (5-9, 155) also starts there.

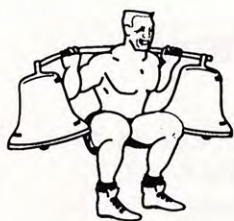
Up front, Sanford has two good linemen in Heath Lipson (5-11, 210) and John Linquest (5-11, 225), two-way players who contribute on defense. The quarterback spot is up for grabs. Look for senior Joe Wartz (5-11, 165) and junior T.J. Iarocci (5-10, 160) to share time.

Moon Valley hopes to improve its 5-6 record, while keeping the same attitude and effort from the players. If that's the case, it means the Rockets will again reach the playoffs, where last year they dropped a first round contest to Phoenix South Mountain. "We played well most of the season," says Mel Harms, 22-21-0 with the Phoenix school. "We lost some close games. A lack of depth in both lines hurt us."

But two of those linemen return, and both are dandies: TE/LB Andy O'Reilly (6-3, 205) and OT/DT Jon Judd (6-1, 240). Both have all-region potential. Travis Brown (6-3, 175) and Ryan Corder (5-10, 170) will share quarterback duties. Brown starts in the secondary. Jeff Candrea (5-9, 145) and Hank Schepemaker (6-1, 145) are adequate receivers.

At **Phoenix Central**, all eyes are on Trung Canidate, the Bobcats' all-state tailback. In 10 games, Canidate (6-0, 166) turned his 4.5 speed into high gear, averaging 9.5 yards per carry, rushing for 1,615 yards, 27 touchdowns and 166 points - all school records. Big days: 4 TDs, including a 92-yard kickoff return, against Tempe Marcos de Niza; 204 yards and three scores vs. Phoenix Carl Hayden; 91-yard kickoff return against North Canyon; 27-yard pass interception for a score vs. South Mountain; 31 carries for 128 yards against St. Mary's; 255 yards and five TDs vs. Yuma

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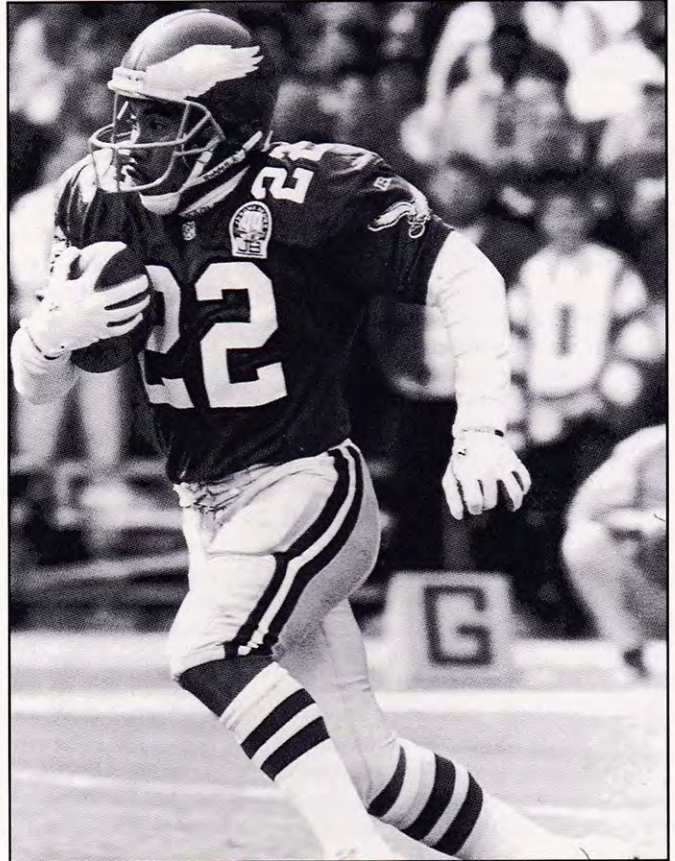
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Cibola; 83 yard TD reception against Brophy Prep; 318 yards, 5 TDs and 34 points vs. Glendale Apollo. The 'Cats finished 5-5. Teammate Darren Williams (5-9, 185) joins Canidate to give Central a dynamite backfield. Linemen Sean LaGessee (5-10, 203), Ted Venetis (6-2, 240) and Alex Jackson (6-1, 210), all juniors, are the blockers.

Greg Parrish, a former head coach at Phoenix Greenway, takes over at **Apollo**, where Rudy Pacheco resigned to take an assistant job at Phoenix College. The Hawks went 4-6 last fall and haven't batted .500 on the gridiron since 1986. Only 15 lettermen return, but the junior varsity finished 5-3-0.

Senior Jon Hatch (6-2, 180) is a dandy, and so is Justin Fernandez (6-3, 190). Both are two-way ends. Joe Ronquillo (6-2, 200) and junior Craig Hansen (5-9, 235) are two-way tackles. Sheldon Swanson (5-9, 165) is the top returning back. He also plays in the secondary. Guard Chad Baker (6-0, 195) doubles at linebacker. Little Roman Gonzales (5-9, 150) will probably start at QB in the Hawks' Wing-T offense.

5A CENTRAL

1. Mesa Dobson
2. Tempe Corona del Sol
3. Mesa
4. Tempe McClintock
5. Chandler
6. Yuma Union

At **Dobson**, a young Mustang squad improved as the season went along, and finished with a 7-4 slate. "We will be a more mature squad this year," claims Mike Clark, 85-56-0 at the Mesa school. His club upset top-ranked Mesa for the Central Region crown, but fell to Deer Valley in the playoffs.

More than 20 lettermen return, including some of the biggest players in the city. For the Mustangs, defensive tackle Tim Croff (6-3, 250) is Mr. Big. With 4.8 speed he can also line up at fullback. Center Joey Horvat (6-2, 240) is no small horse himself. Fullback David Lopez (6-1, 235) runs behind a line which includes Horvat, Felemi Ika (6-0, 255) and Nathan Slater (6-1, 240). Both are guards.

Quarterback Clint Carlson (6-0, 175) runs the show. Unlike most Mustang teams, this Dobson squad might "air it out" more, with wideouts David Rogan (6-0, 175), Jeff Bell (6-0, 175) and Dare Grohman (6-0, 180) still in the lineup.

Defensively, besides Croff and Horvat, who can play tackle, linebackers Eric McBarney (5-11, 180), Kent Shirley (5-11,

185) and Fred DePrez (6-0, 205) form a solid wall. Brandon Eubanks (5-11, 230) and Erik Uremovich (6-4, 255) man the trenches.

Last year, only two teams from the Central Region advanced to the playoffs, and that was bad news for **Corona del Sol**. The Aztecs finished 7-3 but stayed at home. "This year three teams from our region will go to the playoffs, and that's good news," says Gary Venturo, whose team looks better, with better skill players and better depth.

Top of the list is Curt Gwilliam (6-1, 180), who can play quarterback, receiver or safety, a position which earned him all-region honors last year. With 4.7 speed and good football skills, he's probably the Aztecs' top college prospect. Brian Davis (6-2, 190) is another gifted player. Like Gwilliam, he plays three positions, halfback, receiver or safety. But also important, he's one of the region's best punters. Tight end Rian Weske (6-6, 240) is a big target. He caught seven passes for 170 yards - a 24.3 yards per catch average. Center John May (6-2, 230), an excellent blocker, also plays linebacker.

The junior class, which often adds depth to any good program, appears to have lots of size, including linemen like Trent Brome (5-10, 210), Oliver Hirsch (6-2, 200), Jonathan Alicia (6-0, 240) and Wes Latecki (6-1, 200), to name a few. Prior to last year, the Aztecs made four straight trips to the playoffs. This looks like another trip.

For **Mesa**, the season ended in the semifinals, a 20-6 loss to Mountain View, played before 8,000 fans at Westwood High. It brought to an end an incredible four-year run of success, where the Jackrabbits went 12-1-1, 9-3, 13-1, 11-2, and won two 5A state championships in the process.

"We've lost all our starters on offense and only have three returning on defense," says Bill McKane, who will start his first full season as head coach after two years as a part-time mentor to Jim Rattay, who was battling an illness. Ironically, one of the Rabbits' key players might be one who didn't play a down, DT Matt Griffith. The 6-3, 240-pound senior missed last year because of an injury, but looks healthy today. He started on Mesa's 1992 state championship club as a sophomore.

Although inexperienced, speed, size and depth flows through the lineup. With 4.6 speed, halfback Shay Johnson (5-9, 195) will carry the tradition of good Mesa backs. He also starts at strong safety. Two-way tackles Dustin Freeman (6-3, 250) and Chris Levario (6-1, 245) join Griffith to give Mesa a tough forward wall. Center Ryan Johnson (6-0, 195) is so quick the 'Rabbits start him at linebacker.

Mesa's herd of skill players - receivers, runners and defensive backs - is second to none, starting with seniors Scott Christensen (5-10, 170), Jeff Smith (5-9, 175) and Reo Evans (5-8, 175), along with juniors Tom Pace (5-9, 175) and Keith Tweety (5-9, 165). Still, a 10-win season in '94 will be a surprise, even for this school.

McClintock must have set a school record for turnovers, and it showed in a 4-6 finish. "We should have had a much better record, but did not play well on turnovers," claims Dennis Johnson. "We may still be a year away. We don't have a large number of seniors returning. But we appear to have a strong junior and sophomore class."

The Chargers are strong in the secondary and at most skill positions. In the secondary, the best Charger is a junior, safety Derrick Wheaton (6-2, 170). Also a tailback, Wheaton runs 40 yards in 4.6 seconds, is an excellent basketball player, and one of the best all-round athletes in the Central Region. Wideout Mike Minitti (5-10, 160) is another good one. He plays in the secondary too, on a corner.

Two other Chargers landed post-season all-star votes, senior guard Bob Bundy (5-8, 190) and junior fullback Mark Polchow (6-2, 215), who also doubles at linebacker. With 4.9 speed he's a real threat up the middle. Another Polchow, senior Gilbert (6-2, 230), gives McClintock a physical line-backing crew. His good size makes him a good target as a tight end on offense.

But the key to McClintock's success might rest on the shoulders of quarterback K.C. Vasquez (5-10, 160), a good, tough player who doubles at defensive end. Speedy Devon Long (5-10, 160, 4.6) will join Wheaton and Polchow in the backfield, giving the Chargers good speed and size. Long is another member of the Chargers' talented secondary.

Every coach should enter a season with two guards as good as **Chandler** has. It makes a running game go real smooth, especially if they have the skills of Jon Rohloff (6-0, 205) and Ben Bishop (5-10, 180). Rohloff, as a junior, was a first-team member of the All-East Valley squad, a talented list usually limited to seniors. With tackle Mark Allan (6-0, 215) back again, Chandler's wishbone attack should run smooth.

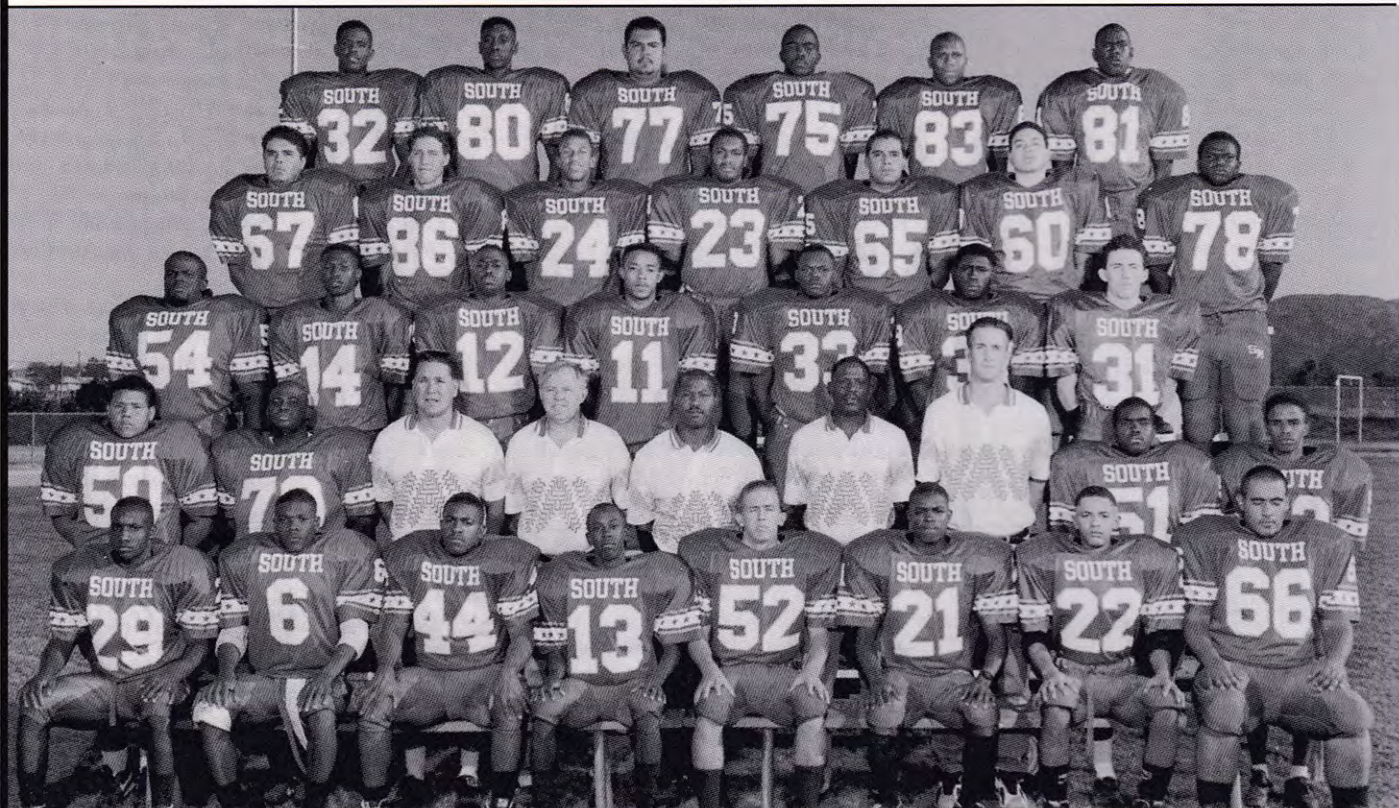
"We'll be a much improved team," warns veteran coach Jerry Loper, one of only nine Arizona coaches with 200 career wins. "Still, we have a lot of work to do before we compete for a championship."

If indeed improved, Chandler fans won't have to sit through another 2-7-1 season. Two speedy backs will help, with Tyron Hardy (5-11, 180), a 1,000-plus rusher, returning, along with Tyrice Brooks (5-9, 166), who gained just over 700. Junior



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10 YEARS AGO (1984)

A Knight to Remember

Quarterback Steve Belles was all smiles on December 7, 1984. He wasn't alone. It was another historic night for St. Mary's proud football tradition. The offense came alive in the second half and buried Tucson Sahuaro, 31-14 at Arizona Stadium in Tucson.

A crowd of 12,500 watched the Knights win their first state football crown since 1968. The state champs finished 12-2, while Sahuaro, the second seed from the AAA South, ended 9-5. St. Mary's lost their opener to top-rated Tempe McClintock 14-9, but beat the Chargers in a rematch in the semifinals, 24-7.

Belles, the Knights' all-state field general who later signed with Notre Dame, didn't have one of his better nights, completing seven of 15 passes for 88 yards. But his teammates on defense picked off a title game record five passes, returning one for a score. Rohber Bradford intercepted three.

St. Mary's, which won its sixth state championship, scored from everywhere on the field. Junior halfback Derryll Harris dashed 57 yards for a touchdown, junior Mike Cortright kicked a 33-yard field goal, Rohber Bradford returned a pass interception 40 yards, and junior Reggie McGill caught two scoring strikes from Belles.

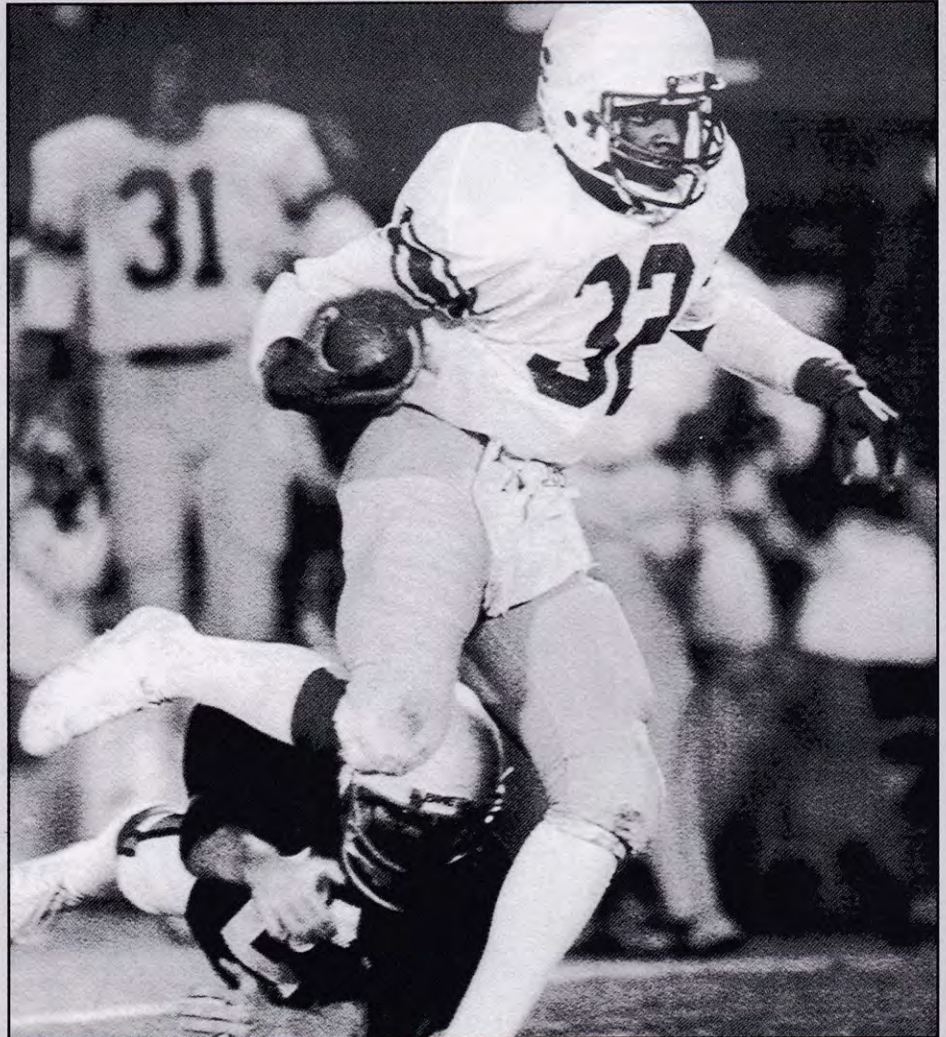
On the season, Belles passed for a school record 2,233 yards. Cortright kicked a record 11 field goals and 45 extra points. The Knights' secondary intercepted a school-record 28 enemy passes.

"We won it on defense, no doubt about it," said Pat Farrell, the Knights' head coach since 1978. "The kids weren't really sharp on offense, but they did the job when they had to on defense."

Farrell knew a little about defense. In 1968, as a senior at St. Mary's, he intercepted nine passes for a state championship team coached by Ed Doherty. When Doherty stepped down after the 1970 campaign, Farrell soon became an assistant under Pat Lavin. He landed the head job in 1978.

Against Sahuaro, the biggest defensive play of the night came with 45 seconds left in the first half, and St. Mary's leading 10-0. The Cougars had driven to the Knights' 4-yard line. Three running plays moved the ball to within inches of the goal, where Sahuaro faced a fourth-and-goal situation.

Fullback Ronnie Pearce, a 6-3, 230-pounder, tried to bull up the middle, but was met behind the goal by linebacker



Junior halfback Derryll Harris scores St. Mary's first touchdown against Tucson Sahuaro. (Ken Akers/Arizona Republic)

Hans Laughner, and the Knights escaped to the locker room with a 10-point lead.

"That was the bottom-line key right there," said Farrell. "If they score right before the half, they go into a juiced-up locker room, and they come out in the second half fired up."

It was a great state championship goal-line stand, not just in terms of points, but in terms of momentum. Sahuaro head coach Howard Breinig, once a starting guard at the University of Arizona, agreed. "I think we would have done a lot better if we had gotten it in," he said. "We just killed ourselves with mistakes. They're a fine team, especially defensively."

St. Mary's was able to control Sahuaro's so-called "Black Offense," a shotgun forma-

tion with no running backs, until the fourth quarter. The Cougars rallied behind the passing of Brad Chilcote and the receiving of Steve Martin, scoring twice after St. Mary's took a 31-0 lead.

Chilcote threw 40 times, completing 18 for 282 yards and one score. All-state receiver Martin was dazzling in defeat. An all-state outfielder in baseball who later started in both sports at Arizona State, he caught 12 passes for 224 yards, splitting two defenders in the end zone for a 32-yard score. Moments later, he dove for a 30-yard catch at the 1-yard line, setting up Sahuaro's other score.

"That was one of the best catches I've ever seen," added Farrell.

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10 YEARS AGO (1984)

Flagstaff's Record Run

Sometimes, one big play makes a difference. For the Flagstaff Eagles, one big play put them in the record book. For runnerup Peoria, it was heartbreak hotel.

Flagstaff survived a bizarre fourth quarter, then capped the night with a wild post-game victory celebration, after edging Peoria 7-0 in the 1984 Class 4A championship game.

Players hoisted head coach Rick Smith onto their shoulders, then joined fans in celebrating the Eagles' fourth consecutive state title. Since the A.I.A. adopted the present playoff format in 1959, no school in Arizona had won four straight football crowns.

Flagstaff scored the game's only touchdown in the second quarter, when wingback Ty Van Dyke took a pitchout from quarterback Bert Gough, stopped, and threw a 47-yard touchdown strike to Brian Zanzucchi.

"I thought the only thing we could do to loosen up their defense would be a trick play," said Smith, who would step down after compiling an .881 winning percentage. With Smith in charge, the Eagles went 11-1, 12-0-1, 9-3, 11-1 and 9-2-1 with the win over Peoria.

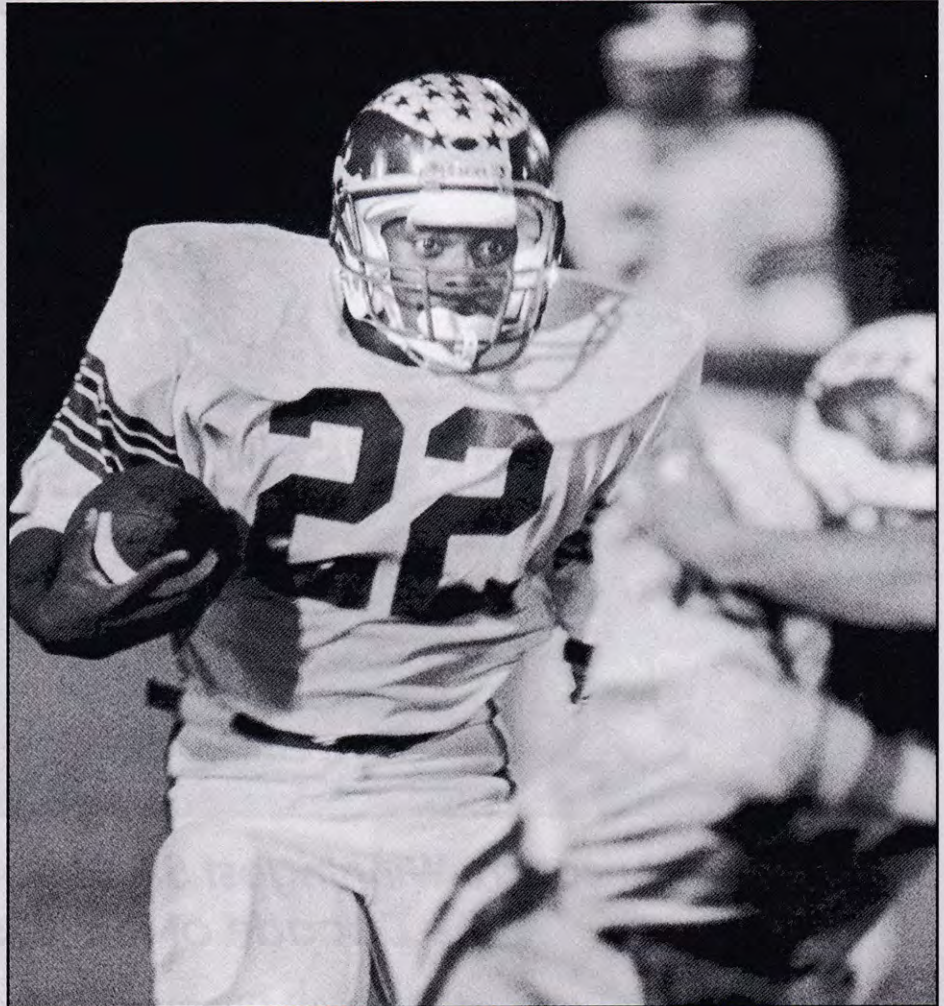
The player who got the most handshakes was senior defensive back Kevin Gould. The Eagles were nursing a 7-0 lead when his interception at the Flag 10-yard line with 1:10 to play killed Peoria's hopes.

"This is disappointing," said Peoria head coach Mark Matheson. "I thought that screen pass was a good call, but evidently it wasn't. As far as their touchdown, Smith always has something up his sleeve, and it worked."

Junior halfback David Winsley, the state's leading rusher with 2,183 yards, gained 108 yards on 22 carries. The game should have matched two of the best backs in 4A ball, but Peoria's Marlo Cobos, who gained 265 yards in the semis against Coconino, missed the second half with a foot injury.

One week earlier, Winsley, the smallest player on the field at 5-feet-7, carried 27 times for 248 yards and two touchdowns (71 and 66 yards), as Flag upset top-ranked Gilbert 17-9. The win avenged a 24-13 loss to the Tigers four weeks earlier. In that game, Gilbert held Winsley to less than 100 yards for the first time that year.

Winsley had gotten the Eagles off on the right foot when he scored three times



Junior David Winsley, the state's leading rusher with 2,183 yards, gained 108 yards on 22 carries against Peoria. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

in the quarterfinals, a 31-7 win over Kingman. The two schools had tied 14-14 in September. Two weeks into the season, the three-time defending state champs were 1-1 on the field, having beaten Snowflake 35-8, then dropping a 14-3 contest to Prescott in the Walkup Skydome. In fact, Flag's loss to Gilbert was also at home in the Dome.

Tuba City then fell 49-6, and Kingman battled the Eagles to a tie when Winsley went out at half with a thigh injury. Mingus Union and Marana were 46-0 and 35-6 victims respectively, followed by the loss to Gilbert. Flag crushed Window Rock 40-8, setting up a key game with city rival Coconino.

One year earlier, 14,000 fans watched Coconino's Audie McKee pass for 354 yards and four touchdowns, as the

Panthers prevailed 27-25. The Eagles couldn't stop Coconino receiver Phillip Miller, who caught 10 passes for 230 yards and two scores. For the second year in a row, Flag would go on to win the state championship, without being champs of their own city.

But in '84 the worm turned. Winsley rushed for 175 yards and the Eagles prevailed in the final regular season game, 21-3. However, both schools advanced, with Coconino falling to Gilbert in the semis; Flag going all the way.

Besides Winsley, the Eagles landed four players on the all-state football squad: Tight end Zanzucchi, one of the heroes of the state title game, guard Chris Quayle, defensive lineman Adam Holmes and linebacker Rob Greve.



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20 YEARS AGO (1974)

Camelback Had the Touch

Magic Mark Whipple had the touch. So did the rest of the Camelback Spartans. Right down to the waterboy. Just ask Buena High from Sierra Vista, or Phoenix St. Mary's. Or any of the 12 victims on the Spartans' 1974 schedule.

In 1973, a young Camelback High squad, coached by a young Jesse Parker, advanced all the way to the Class AAA finals, only to lose 22-20 to Tucson Palo Verde. The game was played before 17,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

Junior Mark Whipple, the Spartans' young signal caller, walked off the field dejected, but with a burning desire to come back. One year later he returned to the big stadium, but first in the state semi-finals, as part of a doubleheader on the same soil.

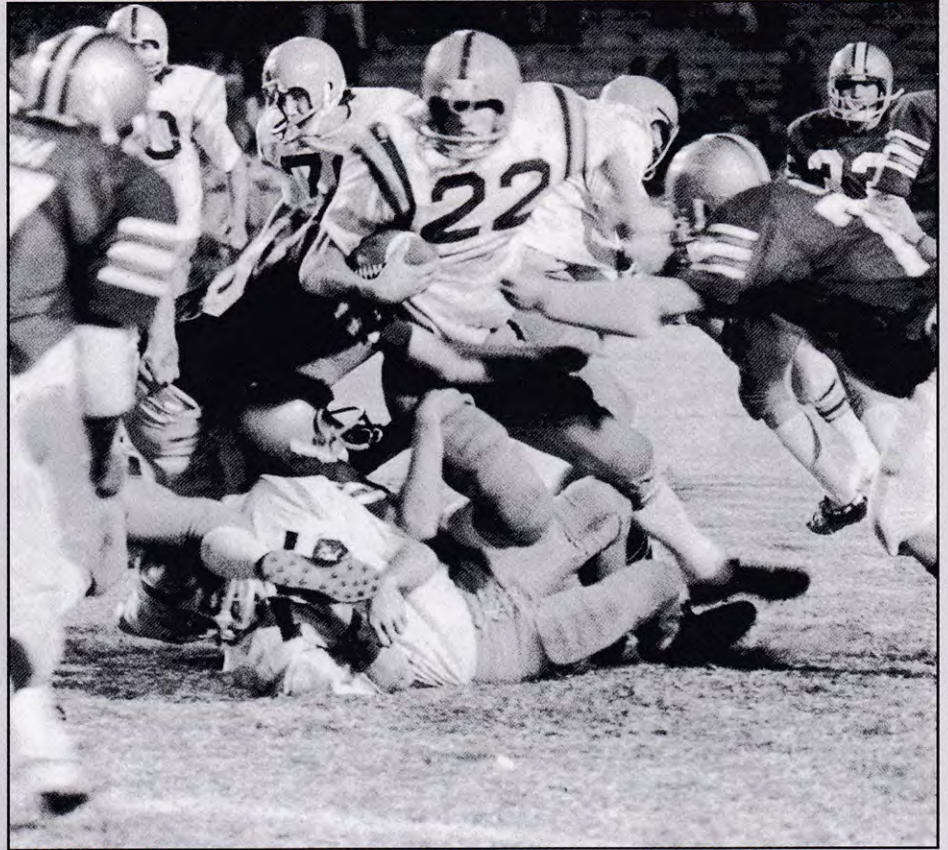
The two-game shootout drew 21,000 fans, then a prep football record for Arizona. First up was top-rated Tempe Marcos de Niza and Phoenix St. Mary's. The feisty Knights, led by junior halfback David Mitchell, upset the Padres 28-14, advancing to the finals.

In the later game, Camelback, with QB Whipple faking or handing to Randy Palmer, Rick Hancock or Roger Overton, had the Colts leaning the wrong way on every play, and the Spartans coasted to a 34-7 halftime lead. Buena, with terrific receiver Tyrone Peterson scoring twice, made it look closer than reality, 34-21 when the gun sounded.

The following week, on a wet field at A-State, 17,000 braved a damp night and watched a classic matchup, won by Camelback 22-20. It was the same score they had lost to Palo Verde by the year before.

The two Phoenix schools battled evenly, the only surprise being Camelback's accuracy through the air. The Spartans' ground strength made the pass unnecessary during the season, but against St. Mary's, Whipple was right on target, connecting on one TD strike and an important two-point conversion.

Camelback took the first lead when Whipple hit Mark DeGrow on a 17-yard touchdown play. However, Wally Zink's extra point missed. St. Mary's, coached by Pat Lavin, came right back as quarterback Chris Skelly scored from the one. Greg Gamez's PAT was good and the Knights led 7-6.



Randy Palmer eludes Buena defenders for a big Spartan gain in a big Spartan win - 34-21 over the Colts, before 21,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium (Dave Rigg photo).

But the Spartans roared back, taking the lead on Jim Keller's short run, set up by Whipple's 22 yard scramble. His two-point strike to DeGrow followed. But St. Mary's struck quickly, as Kelly hit all-state end Speedy Hart for a score. Camelback came back again, with Overton scoring from the two. Then came a key play. Zink's extra point missed again, but St. Mary's was off-side. Overton then scored and Camelback led 22-14.

With little time remaining, St. Mary's went the length of the field, and Mitchell scored on a sweep. A two-point pass attempt failed, but Hart, just a junior, recovered an on-side kick at the Spartans' 49. However, the come-back failed seconds later when St. Mary's fumbled and Camelback ran out the clock.

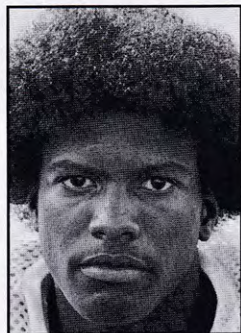
If it was the Phoenix school's first state football crown in three previous tries. In 1964, the Spartans fell to Mesa Westwood 10-7 in the large school finals, and in 1967 were beaten by St. Mary's 20-14 in the semis.

For the young Parker, who was assisted by Bill Saunders, Ernie Hawkins, Gerry Clyne and Dale O'Dell, it concluded his sixth year at the Phoenix school. Prior to that he was a junior varsity coach at Phoenix Union under Saunders. Parker graduated from East Central State College in Oklahoma in 1963, with a degree in American History. He then became an assistant coach at Amarillo Caprock in Texas, and later attended Kansas University between 1967-68.

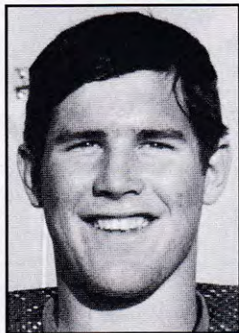
At the conclusion of the '74 campaign, Parker's won-loss record at Camelback was 42 wins, 23 losses, one tie. His teams won three league crowns. The win over St. Mary's gave his club a 12-0-1 record. They were tied by Maryvale, 20-20.

The popular Spartan coach would last one more season in the Phoenix Union School District, finishing 5-6 in 1975, before being hired to build the new program at Mountain View High School in Mesa.

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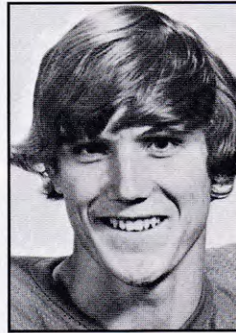
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1974 Mark Whipple, Phoenix Camelback
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1964 Dave Grangaard, Phoenix Camelback

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1960 Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia
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1949 Buster Madariaga, Round Valley
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20 YEARS AGO (1974)

The Panthers Go Back-To-Back

All season long, Douglas High School, coached by Ken Sawin, rode the wing of sophomore quarterback Tony Cortez Rose, and the legs of running backs Victor Melendez and Bobby Lewis. Young Rose, in 11 games, passed for 1,623 yards and 20 touchdowns, impressive stats for a sophomore.

But in the 1974 Class AA finals, youth took a back seat to experience. Standing in the Bulldogs way was defending state champ Flagstaff Coconino. The Panthers, experienced in championship play, also rode the strong arm of a sophomore quarterback, Marty McKee.

When the defending champs dropped a 7-6 midseason tussle to Winslow, head coach Bill Epperson brought up his young field general to run the offense. He performed like a vet. But his assignment was easy. All he had to do was hand the ball to tailback Ray Smith.

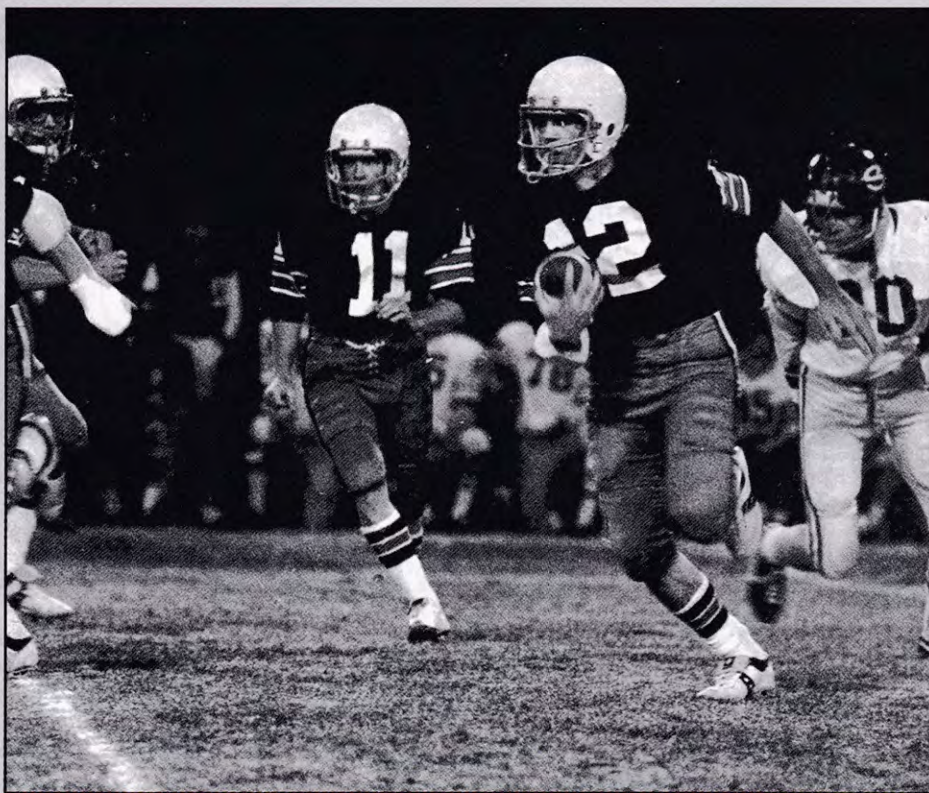
"Last year, Smith was primarily a running quarterback, anyway," said Epperson, who guided the Panthers to state crowns in both 1968 and 1973. "But he was able to run only a few basic plays from that position. With Ray at tailback we can run more plays, and besides, our new QB is a better passer."

It would be nearly impossible to find a back to match what Ray Smith did in only seven games. Starting with the finals, the 5-9, 170-pound senior set a state title game record by rushing for 243 yards, and Coconino won its second straight crown, 21-14. On the season, Smith totaled 2,002 yards rushing and passing, as the Black Cats finished 10-1. (In a losing effort in the finals, Rose hit 12 of 24 passes for 171 yards and one touchdown.)

"Smith was the whole show," said a dejected Sawin, after his 'Dogs were buried by Smith's yardage and a heartbreaking 83-yard run with a recovered fumble. (In 1968, Coconino won its first state crown when Rick Brenfleck ran 85 yards with a fumble in a 6-0 win over Flowing Wells.) "We couldn't stop him. But the fumble killed us. In big games, you try and keep fumbles to a minimum. Much less let somebody pick one up and go 85 the other way."

But Smith was not the whole show, and Coconino heroes were plenty. Receiver Rick DeCosmo, tackle Marvin Hatcher, and linebacker Blake Heap, to name a few, made life miserable for Panther foes for two years.

Prior to the playoffs, Coconino faced an



Tailback Ray Smith, switched from quarterback at midseason, rushed for a title game record 243 yards and two touchdowns.

early pressure-cooker in their annual battle with Flagstaff High. Close to 5,000 fans watched the heavily-favored Panthers use Smith's 208 yards rushing to break a 7-7 halftime deadlock. The Eagles finished 6-4 on the season. Coconino later became the first Flagstaff school to win 10 football games.

Epperson, as a high school player, played halfback on a 6-man football team at Valley Union High in Elfrida. After graduation in 1957, he enrolled at the University of Arizona and joined the frosh football team.

"That was quite a change," Epperson said years later. "Going from a Class C school which played 6-man ball to the University of Arizona's freshman team."

One year later he transferred to Northern Arizona University, where he started as a defensive back for Max Spilsbury. In 1967, he became the Panthers' first head coach, after spending five years as an assistant at Flagstaff High.

"At Coconino we emphasize defense," he said in '74. "As long as we have solid defensive units we figure to have a winning season."

Many all-state performers have walked the halls at CHS, but Epperson claims none had the all-round ability or competitive spirit of his talented tailback. "I have never worked with a youngster of Ray Smith's ability," declared the head coach. "No matter what his size, Ray was one of the finest high school athletes I've seen. Believe me, he could have played for anybody. He could have started in Camelback's backfield, East High's backcourt or Tucson Sahuaro's infield."

"Youngsters like him don't come along every year. Having athletes like him makes coaching worthwhile. There's room for the little guy in the world of sports. I hope he gets his chance."

He did. For two years he was a starting defensive back for the nearby Lumberjacks, intercepting six passes during a successful two-year varsity career. Today he is the head football coach at Kingman High.

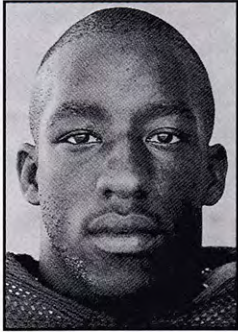
Epperson left Coconino five years after Smith, compiling an 85-40-1 career mark in 13 lucky seasons.

And three Class AA state championships.

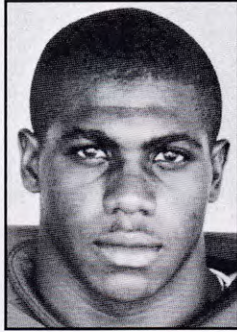
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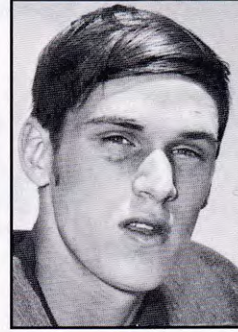
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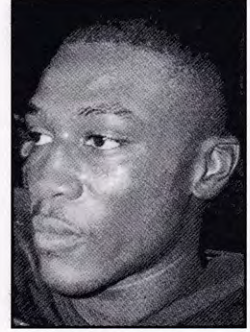
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1960Jim Sims, Tucson
1959Bob Olson, South Mountain
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1952Joel Favara, Tucson
1951Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950Don Beasley, Mesa
1949Danny Seivert, Phoenix St. Mary's
1948Gib Dawson, Douglas
1947Marvin Wahlin, Casa Grande
1946Whizzer White, Mesa
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1944Lowell McDonald, Glendale
1943Fred Batiste, Tucson

WHIZZER WHITE, a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

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30 YEARS AGO (1964)

"Mutt" Ford's Last Hurrah!

Grinning from ear to ear, lean-jawed, 54-year-old Edgar "Mutt" Ford looked like a kid with a new toy, as he darted around the roaring Westwood dressing room.

"How does it feel to win your eighth state championship?" asked Verne Boatner of *The Arizona Republic*.

"Every one is more of a thrill than the last," answered Ford. "Our whole defense needs a pat on the back. It played like pros down on the goal line. And it had to. Camelback's the best overall team we've met."

The locker room was in Tempe, where young Mesa Westwood, with their first senior class, had just beaten Phoenix Camelback 10-7, at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium.

The victory, played before 18,000 spectators, was the 13th straight for Westwood (12-0). Camelback had a 16-game winning string scissored.

"Hey coach, how about that?" shouted guard Rudy Santa Cruz, whose first field goal of the season was the difference.

"We didn't play our best on offense, but they've got a tough defense, too," praised Warrior quarterback David Cumard.

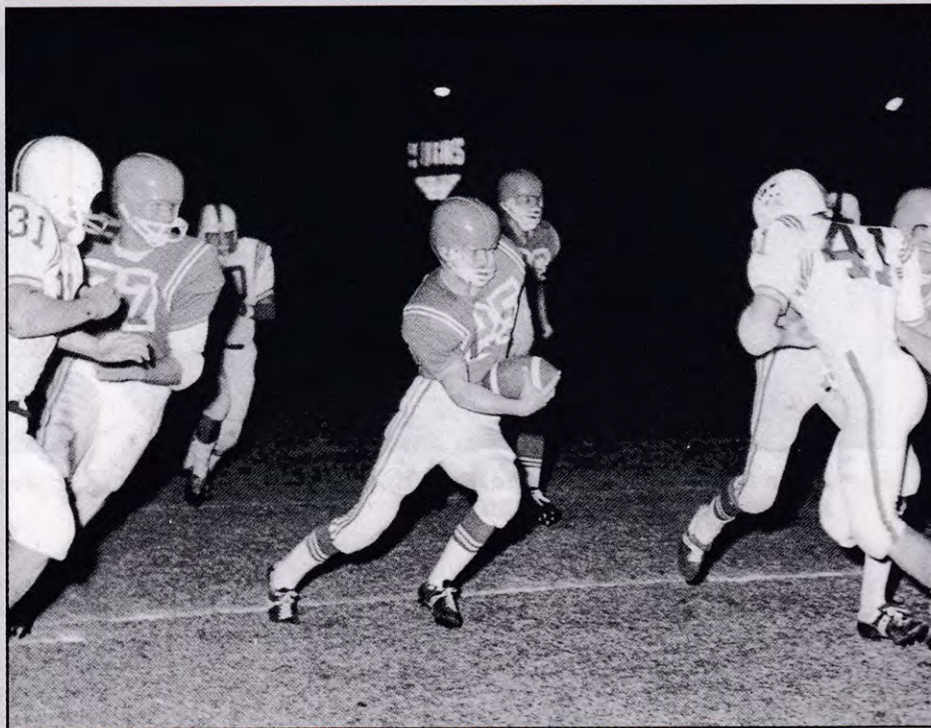
Ron Hendrix, Camelback's All-American linebacker who later signed with ASU, drew praise from the state champs. "I think Hendrix and the rest hit me twice as hard as anybody we've played," sighed Ric Watson, one of Westwood's ace backs. "They have a great ball team."

Frustration etched deeply into the face of Don Baker, the crew-cut, boyish-looking Spartan coach who later became an assistant at ASU under Frank Kush. He watched a penalty wipe out one touchdown and a later Camelback drive stopped six inches from the goal line.

"We should have beaten them - we should have beaten them," he muttered. "But they were tough when they had to be. They had a good ball club down on the goal line ... but we still should have beaten them."

The win climaxed a meteoric rise to athletic prominence for Westwood, in only its second year of varsity ball, and gave their legendary head coach another championship crown. Ford previously won one state title at Glendale and six at Mesa.

Santa Cruz came in with :38 left in the first period to boot a 23-yard field goal. His three-pointer, which gave Westwood a 10-0 lead, was set up by one of four pass interceptions thrown by Camelback quarterback



During a 20-13 win, senior Bill Bailey, one of Westwood's ace backs, cuts back against Scottsdale Arcadia for a 35-yard touchdown run.

Dave Grangaard.

The Warriors advanced to the finals with an impressive 20-0 shutout of unbeaten Tucson Salpointe, played before 12,000 fans in Tucson. Two-way tackle Richard Griffin, also a prep All-American, and his Warrior teammates held Herbie Jones, the Lancers' bruising all-state fullback, to 49 yards on 15 carries. Jones was the state's top scorer during regular season play. During the game Westwood lost fullback Jim Boubelik to a broken leg.

With backs Watson and Bill Bailey showing the way, Westwood started strong, beating tough Scottsdale High 14-0 in the season opener. It would be Scottsdale's only loss. Eight weeks into the season, Ford's boys were unbeaten and ready to face Mesa, his old school. The Warriors prevailed 14-7, springing Boubelik loose for both touchdowns, played before a packed house at old Jackrabbit Stadium, near downtown Mesa.

One week later, Westwood survived a 20-13 thriller with Scottsdale Arcadia, thanks to a 73-yard scoring dash by Bailey. The Warriors closed out the regular season with a 21-0 win over Phoenix Maryvale.

Although Ford would coach two more years in the system, his '64 club was his

last championship squad. Dave Gates and Roger Hightower were his assistants. Ironically, it was Ford's first unbeaten team since 1943, when his last Glendale squad finished 8-0 during a war-shortened schedule. He never coached an unbeaten, untied team at Mesa High.

His last game was a real thriller. In 1966, the Warriors fell to Tucson High, 14-7 in the state finals, also played at Sun Devil Stadium. He never coached in the system again, and died April 11, 1975, at home in Mesa after a long illness.

With head coaching stints at Peoria, Coolidge, Glendale, Mesa and Westwood, Ford won 227 games, lost 64 and tied 17. He was the 1960 National Coach of the Year. As time marches on and more coaches surpass his records, one thing can never be taken away from him - an incredible record against Texas and California schools.

Ford was 10-0 against California powerhouses, including a surprising 40-13 win over Southern CIF champ Compton Centennial in 1954. Between 1945-49, his Mesa High teams were 6-3-1 against Texas schools, all from El Paso.

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Thirty years ago Coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford's Warriors went undefeated. This fall the Mesa City Sports Hall of Fame will pay tribute to the team, its members and accomplishments. In addition to the tribute to the '64 team, many Mesa athletes will be inducted in the Hall of Fame. The banquet is open to the public. If you'd like information about attendance, please call for details, 898-5665, ext. 1480.

40 YEARS AGO (1954)

Phoenix Union's Golden Year

Once it was the largest high school in the West. Located in the city's core, with 15,000-seat Montgomery Stadium located next door, the Coyotes drew larger crowds to sporting events than Arizona State University.

Between 1895, when the doors opened, and 1981, when they closed, few high schools in the western United States matched Phoenix Union's record.

The Coyotes, with an enrollment as high as 6,320 students in 1963, won over 100 state championships in team sports. Exactly 25 in football. Historically, their 1930 club was its best. They finished 12-0 and beat teams from five different states, including Colorado powerhouse Fort Collins in a post season game in Phoenix. The National Sports News Service in Minneapolis rated that Coyote squad best in the nation.

But in 1954, several major events took place. The Phoenix Union High School District integrated its system, closed Carver High, and moved all its students to Phoenix Union. The Coyotes' enrollment went from 3,656 to 3,973. One year later Tech High closed and Phoenix had 5,819 students on its biggest campus.

The school became a national power in sports overnight. But one of the school's great accomplishments was thrust into the background. Its splendid example of interracial unity.

Unlike the 1957 nightmare at Central High in Little Rock, Arkansas, which led to President Eisenhower sending in federal troops to keep the peace, the merger of all-black Carver High with Union was a success. Along with the merger came an incredible collection of talented athletes - like George Greathouse.

The task was undertaken by head coach Sam Winningham, whose opening game in '54 was the first public display of how the merger worked. It worked fine. A 41-7 win over Yuma, sparked by a punt return by Greathouse, started a two-year glory trail in which Union won back-to-back football crowns.

One week later, Greathouse scored three times, Vic Sanchez and Sylvester Mabry once, and all-state guard Al Carr was a terror on the line, as the Coyotes' crushed rival St. Mary's 37-13, before 8,000 fans at Montgomery Stadium. Carr was a fearless competitor with great quickness.

"It was a great lesson in life for all of us



Against Tucson Amphitheater, junior George Greathouse rushed for 177 yards and scored three touchdowns, one an 85-yarder, during a 34-8 win.

involved," Carr said later. "We battled each other to make the teams, joked together and became friends. I felt the coaches' decisions were always fair."

Greathouse scored the lone touchdown in the only blemish on the Coyotes' schedule, a 7-7 tie with Redlands, California. Two weeks later in Bakersfield, against one of California's most historic football programs, George scored three times (again), Moe Watson dashed 80 yards, and Don Rhinehard tossed a TD strike to Sherman Gile as Phoenix drilled Bakersfield's famed Drillers, 33-14.

In the last meeting between the two schools, Phoenix Tech fell 33-0; Tucson was crushed 34-7, returning the historic Francis Siegel Memorial Trophy to the Coyotes' den; then Mesa fell 13-7 in a defensive battle, played before 11,000 fans in Phoenix on a Thursday night. Union's defense was superb in stopping the Jackrabbits' all-state duo of quarterback

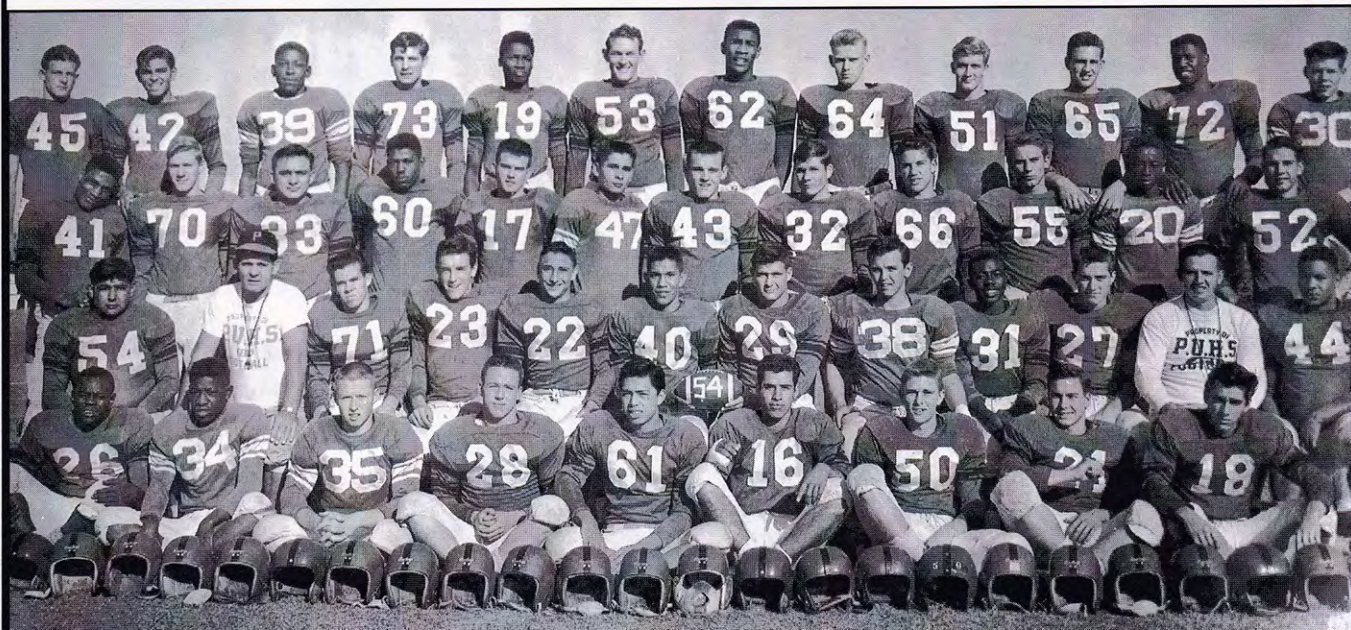
Ralph Hunsaker and tailback Warren Livingston. It was that Mesa squad, coached by Edgar "Mutt" Ford, which blitzed eventual Southern California champ Compton Centennial, 40-13.

After a 36-13 win over West High, followed by a 34-8 victory over Tucson Amphi, the stage was set for the annual Thanksgiving Day clash with North. An afternoon crowd of 13,500 watched Greathouse score once, and throw a TD strike to Ken Ramsey, for a 14-7 Coyote win.

The Coyotes finished with a 9-0-1 record. Greathouse, only a junior, scored 22 touchdowns and earned All-America honors. Teammates Sanchez and Carr joined him on the all-state team. In Minneapolis, the National Sports News Service ranked Phoenix Union No. 7 in its U.S.A. prep poll. No. 1 went to Vallejo, California, with its All-America tailback Dick Bass.

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40 YEARS AGO (1954)

Bisbee's Race For The Pick

To Stop in Bisbee is to stop in time. Located in the Mule Mountains of south-eastern Arizona, Bisbee has maintained an Old World charm, seldom found anywhere in the West.

The town is full of Old West history and copper mining lore. Old miners' boarding houses have been refurbished into eating establishments. Former saloons are now quaint shops, antique stores or art galleries. The Queen Mine Tour, a trip down into the town's historic copper mine, reveals one of the nation's largest inactive mines. Then there's the Lavender Pit Open Mine, also one of the nation's largest.

World famous Brewery Gulch, which in its heyday boasted upwards of 47 saloons and was considered the "liveliest spot between El Paso and San Francisco," is a popular visitor stop.

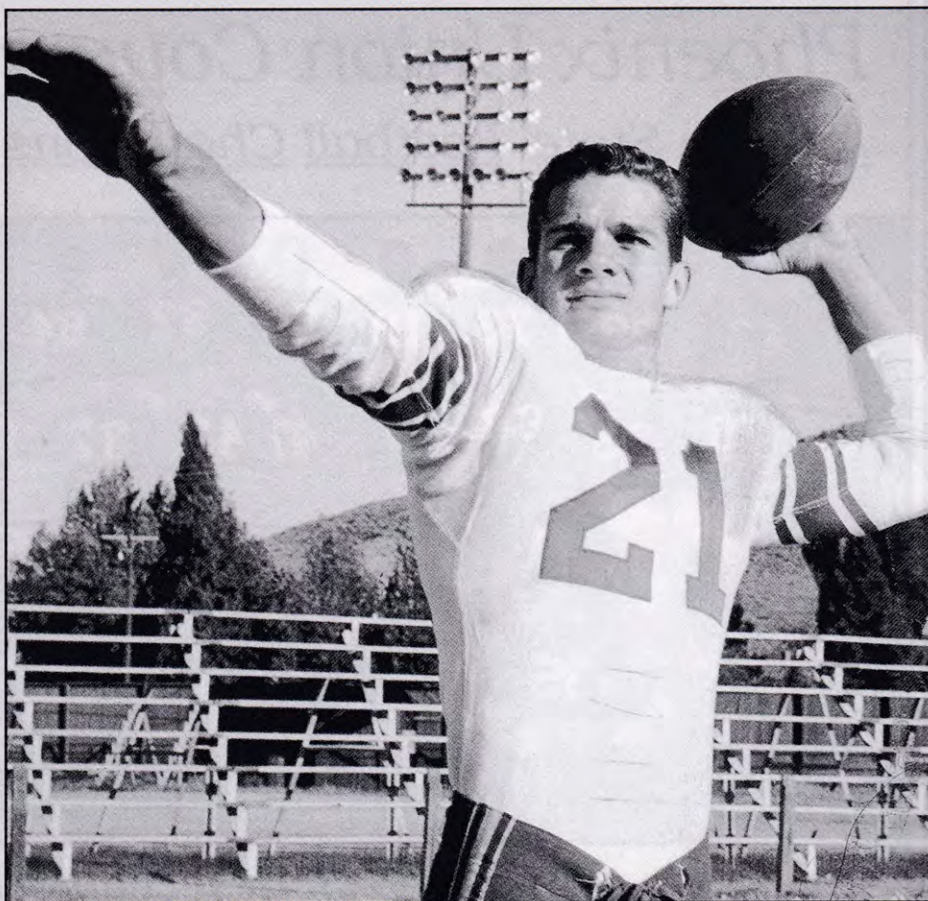
But for years, another popular stop was Warren Stadium, home field for the local high school, the Bisbee Pumas. When Brewery Gulch was rockin' Warren was roarin'. Especially on Friday nights. Especially on Thanksgiving Day, when the Pumas clashed with bitter rival Douglas. Especially when the Pumas were strong in football. Especially in 1954, when Bisbee ruled football in southern Arizona.

Led by junior quarterback Teddy Sorich, and coached by legendary Max Spilsbury, the Pumas started their record run on Sept. 17, with a stunning 12-6 upset of state power Tucson High, played at Warren. Tucson, a Class AA school with 5,765 students, was stopped in its tracks by the feisty Class A school.

The slick ball handling and passing of Sorich, and the tough running of Brian Phillips and David Ruiz, spelled doom for the Badgers, one of the nation's premier football schools. One week later in Tucson, Spilsbury's crew suffered its only blemish, a scoreless tie with Amphitheater in the rain. The Pumas would not lose a football game until 1956.

Two weeks later in Casa Grande, a stout defensive effort stopped the Cougars' all-state back Junior Tate in his tracks. The All-America long jumper and sprinter would not finish the game. Bisbee finished off the Cougars 26-6.

Back at Warren, Sorich's two touch-down passes sparked a 34-0 rout of Tucson Salpointe, the big city's newest school. In a surprising 46-6 rout of Flagstaff, Sorich threw only three passes, but two went for touchdowns, one a 70-yard pass to Ruiz. Nate Hickman scored three times as the



With historic Warren Field in the background, junior quarterback Teddy Sorich cranks up his arm as the Pumas prepare for Douglas.

Pumas rushed for 409 yards.

Sorich used his toe to help kick Safford, booting five extra points, scoring once himself, and throwing a TD strike to Charles Lugo, as the 'Dogs collapsed at home, 41-7. During a 46-14 win over Ajo, the Pumas scored from everywhere on the field, including fumble recoveries of 68 yards by Eddie Verdugo and 15 yards by Lugo.

The Big Red Machine was in true form in Morenci. Luis Reyna went 36 yards with a blocked punt. Ruiz scored on a 46-yard pass interception and a 35-yard fumble return as Bisbee prevailed 59-0.

Then came the annual clash with Douglas. The game for the Copper Pick. On November 25, Thanksgiving Day, it became "Ted Sorich Day" in Douglas.

The junior field general completed six of eight passes for 139 yards and two touchdowns, including a 66-yarder to Bruce McDonald. He scored the Pumas' first two touchdowns on short runs from scrimmage, and added one extra point. It

was the 88th meeting between the two schools. Exactly 6,200 fans watched a 25-7 Puma rout, giving Bisbee a 9-0-1 record and the No. 1 ranking in the final Associated Press Class A football poll.

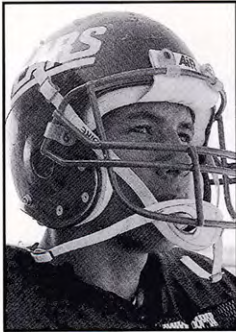
"It was a real special group," said Spilsbury, who later would become a successful head coach at Northern Arizona University. "We knew we had something special when we beat Tucson."

Young backs like Sorich were nothing new to Bisbee fans. During its once proud athletic heritage, legendary Puma backs like Johnny Salmon, Mike Shafer, "King" Beeth, Tommy Hargis, Garner Barnett, Johnny Graham, "Dixie" Redding, Bill Penn and Hadley Hicks ran roughshod through Warren Field. Many, like Sorich, became college stars.

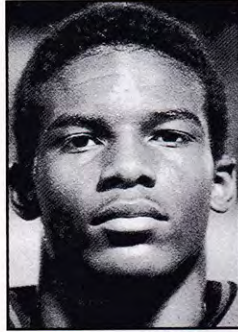
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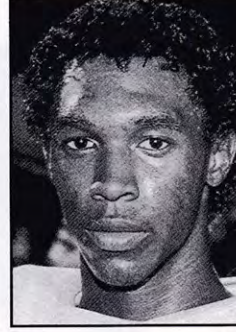
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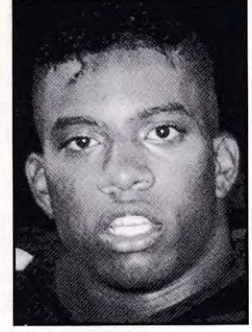
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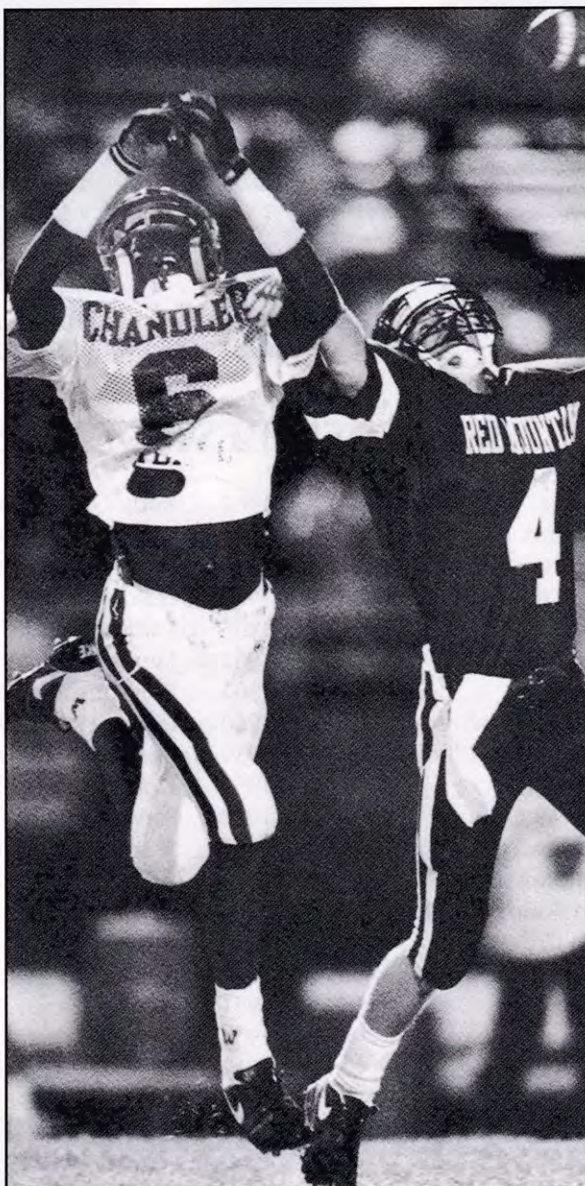


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5A METRO

1. South Mountain
2. Phoenix Trevor Browne
3. Phoenix Maryvale
4. Phoenix North
5. Phoenix Camelback
6. Phoenix Carl Hayden

For **South Mountain**, the 1993 season was one week too long. Had it stopped after the 5A semifinals, an impressive 46-9 win over St. Mary's, things would be all smiles at the south Phoenix school. But one week later, Mesa Mountain View brought the Jaguars back to earth, with a 38-7 shellacking. Played before 20,142 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, it was the second largest crowd to watch a Phoenix city school play. In 1969, 20,800 saw Phoenix Central beat St. Mary's in the state finals, also played at Sun Devil.

"We were a young team that worked hard for every win," claims Cleveland Dansby, who returns 23 players, most of them starters, from that 12-2 state runnerup club. "We should be more competitive, with depth from a real good JV team."

With all-state players like Terry Fair and Kenny Cheatham off to the college ranks, that class will have to supply the skill players. The senior class will take care of the line. In fact, this might be the best interior line at South in years. If pre-season publications are correct, South has at least five major college prospects, and most are linemen. "With an added year in the weight-room, we should be improved," adds the head coach.

First team all-state tackle Brandon Tucker (6-0, 260) leads the charge. Next is Shaheem Purify (6-2, 250), another returning tackle. Swift Clifton Williams (6-3, 215, 4.7) is back, playing tight end, defensive end or linebacker. Big Steve Pena (6-3, 270) is a two-way tackle. Gilbert Aldana (6-2, 235), a transfer from Oakland, could start at guard or linebacker.

South will have the most talented secondary in Phoenix. Everybody can fly and some are members of the school's sprint relay teams. Opposing coaches are high on Levar Patterson (5-10, 185), maybe the Jaguars' best player. A fullback on offense, he lines up at linebacker or strong safety on defense. "He has radar to the ball," says one Metro Region coach, who doesn't think Patterson can be blocked.

Cornerback Corey Hankins (5-9, 165) and safety Cleveland Dansby (6-2, 170), the coach's son, also return.

But it is offense where young Dansby will contribute most. Last year, the slick signal caller, in his first starting role, passed for 1,901 yards and 25 touchdowns. During a 35-30 win over Maryvale, he passed for 249 yards and two TDs. His maturity may be the key. With the return of speedy wideouts Antonio Lamar (5-11, 165) and LaShonte Scott (5-8, 150), plus Williams at tight end, South's aerial attack looks lethal. Fullback Rashad White (5-10, 220) is a good blocking back.

"It won't be easy," warns Dansby. "Not at all. It can be a toss-up with Maryvale, Trevor Browne and us. Central and North look better. In fact, this might be one of the best years ever in the city."

Last fall, South opened at home with Red Mountain and fell to the Lions, 34-12. They won 12 straight games before facing another Mesa school. This year, the Jaguars open with the same opponent, but at Red Mountain. The September clash should be a dandy.

There's guarded optimism at **Trevor Browne**, but the Bruins should still be better. Coach Bill Mitton, 157-90-2 at the Phoenix school, watched his club finish 5-5-1 after falling to Brophy Prep in the play-off's first round. Always talented, Browne has two of the better players in the Metro Region: LB Chuck Van Dyke (6-0, 215, 4.7) and DB Anthony Blakes (6-2, 180, 4.6). Both are two-way players, Van Dyke a back, Blakes a receiver.

Tackles James Howell (5-10, 240) and Joe Perez (6-4, 260) give the Bruins good size up front. Big fullback Howard Hubbard (6-3, 240) also plays on the defensive line. Van Dyke is joined by C.J. Buetzow (5-10, 180) and Simon Farnum (5-9, 190) to give Mitton a good trio of linebackers. Phillip Stafford (6-2, 190) looks good at defensive end.

It's a new show at **Maryvale**, where veteran coach Buck Hall stepped down after 14 years and 104 wins. Tom Bruney takes over, and the Panthers will switch from a Wing-T to a Pro-I. Last year's formation netted a 6-5 season, which ended with a 31-21 loss to St. Mary's in the playoffs. In that contest, halfback Jay Hinton (6-0, 190, 4.5) rushed for 184 yards and two touchdowns. During the season he carried the ball 193 times for 1,509 yards and 21 scores. Other big days: 225 yards and four touchdowns vs. Deer Valley, including an 80-yarder; 196 yards and two scores vs. Carl Hayden. Last spring he won the high hurdles in the state 5A track meet in 14.46 seconds.

"Like most teams, we will have a solid nucleus of seniors returning," says Bruney.

"However, we will need a few underclassmen to come through for the season to be a success."

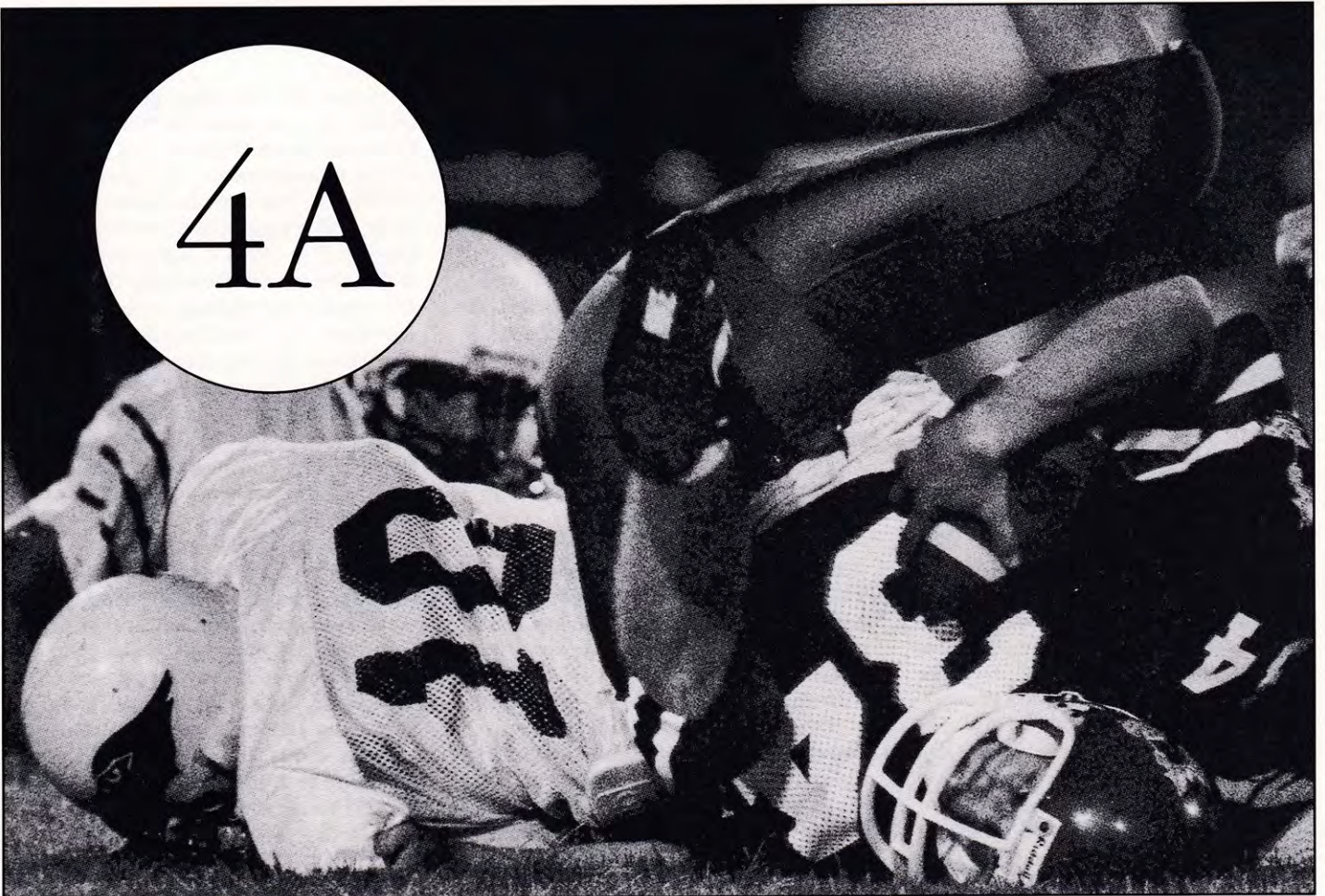
Hinton, who also plays in the secondary, is by no means the whole show. Teammate Aaron Childress (5-9, 175, 4.8) scored 15 touchdowns - five against Camelback. That night he rushed for 153 yards, with a longest of 84 yards. Kevin Carleton (5-9, 155, 4.8) will probably start at QB, and joins Herbert Craft (5-8, 155, 4.6), Hinton and Childress in the Panthers' secondary. Alex Gonzalez (6-0, 205, 4.8) is the fullback. He also plays linebacker, and joins two-way guard Alfred Demarbiex (6-0, 200) and defensive ends Mark Tejada (6-2, 170) and Leeautry Muldrow (6-3, 210) to give Maryvale a talented, quick defense. How well the Panthers adjust to a new offense will be the key.

Gary Somo takes over at **North**, where improvement is the name of the game. Last year, when the Mustangs finished 3-7, Somo was coaching at Carl Hayden. Defensive back Myron McGruder (6-1, 180), a first team all-league pick as a sophomore, leads an enthusiastic group, with speed and size a strength. McGruder will also start at tailback. Wideout Byron Wilkerson (6-2, 180) is one of the best in the city. Junior Simon Romero (5-7, 170) joins McGruder in the backfield. Tom Fierros (6-2, 275), Henry Clem (6-3, 295) and junior Bernie Gomez (5-10, 200) form a solid front.

It was a poor year for the Spartans, where **Camelback** stumbled through a 1-9 campaign, worst at the school since 1960. Coach Pete Kellen returns 20 players and a solid JV group "which appears to show good leadership," according to their coach. The top senior appears to be QB/DB Askia Stewart (6-0, 170, 4.7), listed by opposing coaches as the Spartans' best prospect. Running backs Andre Harris (5-8, 150) and Tamar McClean (5-7, 145) are small but quick. Guy Salcido (5-9, 145) and Jason Parker (5-11, 155) should be Stewart's prime receivers.

Carl Hayden returns 10 starters on offense, good news for new coach Stuart Goldstein. Better news: QB Mike Regalado, a second team all-metro pick, is one of them. The gifted 6-1, 190-pound senior leads a good flock of Falcons, including two-way backs Saul Miramontes (5-7, 145) and Ty-Juan Swasey (5-11, 170), linebackers Omar Robles (5-10, 187) and Chris Blanton (5-9, 180), and sophomores Brian Nugent (6-0, 245) and Eric Regalado (6-2, 195). Nugent is a two-way tackle, Regalado a tight end on offense, linebacker on defense. Still, the road ahead looks rough. Last year the Falcons won one game, and haven't had a winning season in football since 1971.

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All-state back Kenny Mantle of the Coronado Dons lands on his head after colliding with Quinton Bunly (10) of the Glendale Cardinals. (Progress-Tribune photo)

Peoria's Best Team Ever?

If this potentially is the best team **Peoria**, has ever produced, that's bad news for the 4A West Valley Region - and the rest of the state. A championship contender for years, and a two-time state winner in 1986 and 1987, the Panthers look awesome on paper. Six all-state players return.

Scouting services claim Doug Clapp's crew has five major college prospects, with two-way back Tavon Cooper (6-0, 180, 4.5), OT Mike Kalin (6-4, 285, 4.9), and MLB Jeff Johnson (6-3, 218, 4.8) leading the pack. Not to be overlooked is WR Kenny Mitchell (6-4, 198, 4.6), who averaged 17.7 yards per catch, and FB Shannon Coulter (5-10, 240, 4.9), a two-year starter. College coaches feel these Panthers are big-time recruits. They might be right. With these five in the lineup, Peoria won 11 straight games before Tucson Sabino knocked them out of the playoffs, 15-14 in overtime.

4A WEST VALLEY

1. Peoria
2. Agua Fria
3. Peoria Centennial
4. Tolleson Westview
5. Tolleson
6. Lake Havasu

"It was a very enjoyable season because the athletes did everything we asked," says Clapp, who has won 79% of his games since 1986. "We return several good skill players who have great speed. We have a solid nucleus returning, but need to fill some holes up front. We need to find a quarterback who can run our offense, so our attack will be balanced between run and pass."

That job will be filled by either Jon Van Tussenbroek (6-3, 178) or junior Aaron

Welch (5-11, 170). Having fullback Coulter and tailback Cooper, with their size and speed, running between the tackles, will keep opposing linebackers awake at night. Cooper averaged 9.4 yards per carry; Coulter 7.9. Big Paul Xourafas (6-2, 196), a junior with 4.6 speed, gives Clapp even more size and depth in the backfield. Wideouts Steve Busalacchi (6-2, 181) and Neil Walker (5-9, 160, jr.) have good hands and speed. Then there's Kalin, a first-team all-state tackle as a junior. Joe Golden (6-1, 215) is the starting center. Guard Deryck Miller (6-0, 238) and tackle Jamin Smith (6-5, 221, jr.) start, giving Peoria the biggest, most physical front line in Maricopa County - all classes combined.

Defensively, the Panthers are set, with Johnson in the middle, flanked by David Quiroz (5-11, 188) and John Kroll (6-2, 182, jr.). Johnson made 120 tackles, blocked two kicks and two passes. Down linemen Gabriel Napoleon (6-0, 189) and Manuel

1994 PHOENIX METRO 4A TOP 20

1. Peoria Panthers
2. Highland Hawks
3. Arcadia Titans
4. Cactus Cobras
5. Tempe Buffaloes
6. Casa Grande Cougars
7. Coronado Dons
8. Alhambra Lions
9. Sunnyslope Vikings
10. Washington Rams
11. Thunderbird Chiefs
12. Agua Fria Owls
13. Centennial Coyotes
14. Independence Patriots
15. Chaparral Firebirds
16. Westview Knights
17. Cortez Colts
18. Ironwood Eagles
19. Tolleson Wolverines
20. Glendale Cardinals

Stevens (5-10, 230), both juniors, will start. At no position is Peoria deeper than the secondary. Led by Cooper, Clapp can send in Chad Albert, Mike Florez, Kenny Williams or Tyler Kamp on any play and show no sign of a letup. But Cooper is the key. Against Ironwood, he returned a kick-off 97 yards for a score, and against Centennial, picked off a pass and went 38 yards for a touchdown. He's the Panthers' bread-and-butter player.

The season was frustrating for **Agua Fria**, where the Owls finished 6-4 after losing three games by a total of six points. It kept Agua Fria out of the playoffs for the first time since 1984. Second-year coach Gary Cook, who replaced veteran Tom Wheatley last year, still has his hands full.

"It will be a tremendous challenge for the Owls because we graduated almost every starter from last year," says Cook. "There are good athletes around, and guys will have to step up and fill in the holes."

A key question is the QB spot, with a battle between junior Chris Burchett and senior Antwane Johnson. Johnson, a 5-11, 150-pounder with 4.6 speed, will be converted from running back. He starts in the secondary. If Johnson starts, look for more passing mixed with option.

With little depth, added pressure will be placed on several key players, like FB/LB Beaux Guthrie (6-1, 200), OT/DT Greg Nichols (6-2, 235), RB/DB Ryan Scott (5-10, 165) and OG/DE Kevin Wright (6-0, 205). Still, the key player is Johnson, who the coaches see as one of the best in the 4A West Region. Also, the players and coaches will now have one full year together, under a new system with a new staff.

Centennial is headed in the right direction. In 1992, Peoria's newest school went 1-8 in varsity play. Last year the Coyotes finished 6-4. "We felt we had a very good first year with seniors, and a good first year in the West Valley," claims Richard Taylor, whose young squad returns 17 lettermen. "We should have a solid defense, but the offensive line needs to be rebuilt, and we need a QB to come in and take charge."

Taylor can build his line around Jim Krumpos (6-0, 215), a two-year starter at guard. Tackle Drew Gulley (6-2, 225) and junior center Mike Johnson (6-0, 220) should start. Junior Ronnie Watkins (6-0, 170) is the key back. He rushed for 819 yards on 126 carries (6.5 ypc.) as a sophomore. Joe Cali (6-0, 237) joins him in the backfield at fullback. Senior wideouts Kris Lee (5-9, 155) and Aaron Sneathen (5-9, 175) help the Coyotes' Pro-offense click. Mario Sabori (6-0, 190) could see action at tight end.

Still, the key factor is defense, and Centennial has two dandy linebackers in Ben Hilgart (6-2, 207, 4.8) and Nathan Stevenson (6-1, 205, 4.9). Hilgart recorded seven QB sacks; Stevenson 105 tackles. Both are seniors and both play tight end. Junior Arthur Kipp (6-0, 180) adds depth to the position. The secondary looks solid, with Eric McQueen (6-2, 192), Travis Turner (5-9, 173), Marty Quezada (5-9, 165) and Andy Taylor (6-1, 191) sharing time.

It's lots of new faces at **Westview**, where head coach Tom Goodwin has stepped down and all-state QB Marty Rincon has graduated. Tom Bushong takes over, where the Knights went 7-4-1 with the run-and-shoot offense. Rincon passed for a state record 3,462 yards and 37 touchdowns. However, one-third of the attack remains, as Craig Brown (5-10, 175) caught 52 passes for 918 yards and 14 TDs. In one half against Prescott - before he got hurt - he caught seven passes for 225 yards. A good runner with 4.6 speed, he may be switched to halfback. He scored twice on kickoff returns. Corey Pless (6-0, 185) joins him in the backfield. The junior class adds two dandies: DE Nick Harris (6-3, 195) and

two-way tackle Mick Rodemeyer (6-4, 280).

"We have some good talented players returning," says Bushong, whose club lost to Arcadia in the 4A squarquarterfinals. "If we get good leadership from the seniors, we'll be set."

A new coach gives **Tolleson** a new look, as the Wolverines went 0-10 for the first time in 19 years. Dan Widmaier will change the offense from the wishbone to a multiple set. Junior tailback Bud Norman (5-11, 185, 4.7) will be the main man. For him to spring free, good blocking must come from the likes of Arrae Walton (6-2, 240), Ryan Auiliar and Frank Hamblein (5-9, 185), who also plays linebacker.

4A EAST VALLEY

1. Gilbert Highland
2. Scottsdale Arcadia
3. Tempe Union
4. Casa Grande
5. Scottsdale Coronado
6. Scottsdale Chaparral
7. Apache Junction

Highland, the new kid on the block, went 7-3 with no seniors, and missed the playoffs by one loss. "We were very pleased with the way we got our program started," says Mike Epperson. "We were disappointed in not making the playoffs, but it should make us a little more hungry this year."

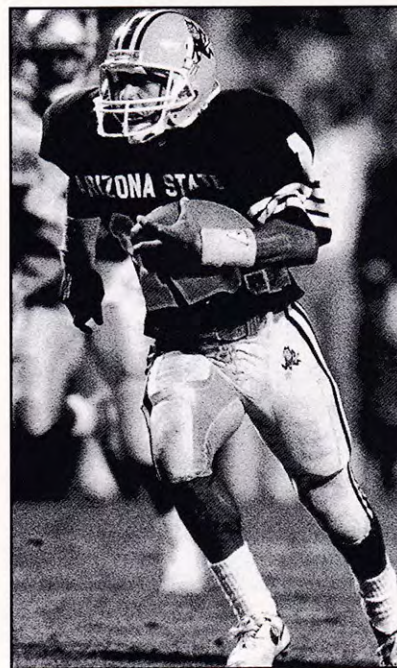
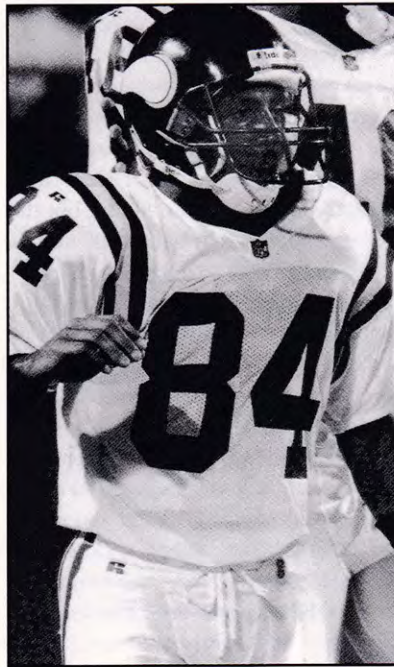
With more than 30 players returning, optimism is the name of the game. The junior varsity went 6-2, so there's the Hawks' depth. Last year, QB Jason Check (6-2, 195) was the guy in the spotlight. He didn't disappoint. Tailback Seth Stoltz (5-11, 175) earned all-state honors - as a free safety. Two-way back Kyle Lincoln (5-10, 166) had several big days, including 201 yards against Independence, and a 34 yard return of a fumble for a score against Apache Junction. Tackle Chris Watkins (6-3, 265) might be the lone junior in the starting lineup.

Defensively, the Hawks are loaded, with ends Bill Parkerson (5-11, 195) and Joel Helmhout (6-1, 195), tackles Watkins, Todd Prince (6-1, 245) and Jarod Towe (6-6, 255), linebackers Rylan Jollymore (6-1, 195) and Bill McKeen (5-10, 180), and Kip Hamilton (6-0, 175) joining Check and Stoltz in the secondary. Best of all, every player listed goes both ways, and if the Hawks stay healthy, the playoffs loom.

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Highland had a good year, but **Arcadia** had a better one. The Titans went 10-3 and advanced to the 4A semifinals, where Tucson Sahuaro ended the campaign, 39-17. "We had a great year," claims Ron Vick. "It was the first league title the school had won since 1962. That's a long time. We had a great bunch of kids. Everybody worked hard, including my staff."

With seven starters returning on defense and six on offense, the Titans might be as good as last year. "Our offensive line will average 235 pounds," adds Vick, who also has a good kicking game.

One Titan to watch is Joe Young (6-2, 250), the school's top college prospect. He will start at nose guard (again), but this year will play fullback on offense. With 4.8 speed, he runs like a fullback. On defense, he used his size and quickness to block six kicks and pick off two passes. In fact, Young, along with Sean Cowdrey (6-1, 205), Seth Staples (6-3, 245) and Cameron Mark (6-3, 170) will start on the defensive line for the third consecutive year. Last year they helped Arcadia record 50 quarterback sacks.

Mark, also a receiver and kicker, caught 38 passes for 629 yards and five touchdowns. He kicked 28 PATS and a school-record 13 field goals. He caught one TD pass and booted three field goals in a 23-16 playoff win over Westview. All the above, along with tackle Ben Nadolski (6-3, 220) and defensive back Eric Smith (6-4, 180) landed post season honors.

Still, it's the Titans' defense which will carry the load. In addition to Smith, kick returner Matt Kukulski (5-9, 160) can play in the secondary. Junior T.J. Cooley (5-11,

170) is the free safety. He might be the quarterback, too, although senior Casey Christensen (5-9, 170) has the inside track. Travis Johnson (6-1, 165) starts at a corner on defense, and joins Mark and Kukulski at the receiver posts. Nick Wessman is a small (5-10, 175) but tough linebacker.

Offensively, the junior class looms large: either Chad Elsner (5-7, 160) or Shawn Edwards (5-9, 170) should start at halfback. Monte Sturgeon (6-2, 290) and Gabe Reed (6-3, 220) are young, two-way linemen with size and a bright future.

It looks like happy days ahead at **Tempe**. Just like Arcadia, the Buffaloes are strong in the trenches. This might be one of their best ever lines. Tempe lost the regional championship game to Arcadia and finished 5-5. Coach Tim McBurney has to replace all-state back Darnell Autry, who picked up his diploma and headed to Northwestern. Two-way end Marvin Wright (6-3, 240), tackle Jimmy Ayala (6-3, 275), and linebackers Tino Armenta (5-10, 190) and Zach Speridon (5-10, 190) all earned post season honors.

So did some young pups, starting with sophomore Justin Taplin (6-0, 175), who caught 31 passes, and punter-kicker Tyler Breskin (5-10, 175), a junior who plays guard and linebacker. Other promising sophomores include QB Todd Mortensen, FB/LB Mike Washington and RB Shawn Speidel.

Most of the offense returns at **Casa Grande**, where the Cougars finished 4-6, 1-5 in the East Valley Region. They beat Apache Junction 31-29. Stopping the opponent was the problem. The Cougars' attack starts at QB, where Jason Lenderman (6-1,

205) completed 61 of 154 passes (31%) for 815 yards and six touchdowns. All-region halfback Russell Trejo (5-10, 192) rushed for 1,323 yards on 203 carries and scored 16 TDs. One was a 90 yard kickoff return against Gilbert Highland. Junior fullback Stephen Trejo (6-0, 215) averaged 7.6 yards on 35 carries in a backup role. He's a strong middle linebacker. Little WR Kyle McEuen (5-8, 155, jr.) caught just five passes - but three were for scores - and he averaged 20.6 yards per catch. Robert Davis (5-11, 175) and Andy Phillips (6-2, 260) are the tackles. Rusty Riggs (5-9, 209) and Todd Tomkinson (5-11, 201) are the guards. Defensively, junior tackle Albert Deloney (5-11, 230), junior corner Aaron Jones (6-0, 175) and senior end Aaron Rohloff (6-2, 202) should start.

The **Coronado** football machine just rolls along. Again, the Dons look good, with a strong defense and a good rushing game. With six starters out at one time or another, Joe Corte's crew still finished 8-3; a playoff season for the fifth straight year.

Halfback Kenny Mantle (5-10, 175) carried the load for the Dons, with 1,306 yards in less than 10 games. Linebackers Wes Wagner (5-10, 180) and Rich Osborn (5-10, 175), big hitters both, also landed all-city acclaim. The rest of the defense should feature Joe Kinney (6-1, 220), Chet Snider (5-11, 195), Gabe Montesano (6-0, 220), Troy Stimbert (6-0, 215) and Brian Brighella (6-2, 225) in the trenches; Mike Campbell (6-1, 175), Charles Camenzino (5-10, 170), Adam Price (6-1, 180), Rick Lucero (6-1, 180) and sophomore Mike Mantle (5-10, 170) roaming the secondary.

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Mauldin has key players returning at key positions, starting with the center-snap from Don Forbes (6-3, 260) to junior QB Bryan Johnson (5-10, 166). Both earned Scottsdale all-city honors. All-city kicker Andy Schiesl moved out of state. Big Shane Roberts (6-3, 230) is a two-way end. Pass catchers Jonah Yakel (5-6, 155), Mark Eliason (5-10, 165) and Donovan Johnson (6-1, 170) give the Firebirds firepower at the flanks.

Keeping football coaches and winning games has been a major task at **Apache Junction**. Last year the Prospectors finished 1-9, and have won only five games in the past three years. Two-way backs Brad Penner and Joey Przybyszewski have their hands full.

4A NORTH VALLEY REGION

1. Glendale Cactus
2. Prescott
3. Glendale Ironwood
4. Paradise Valley
5. Phoenix Goldwater
6. Phoenix Greenway

It looks like business as usual at **Cactus**, and that's good news for Cobra fans. The Glendale school has taken an uncharacteristic (2-7-1, 6-4) vacation from the playoffs in recent years. Watch for Larry Fetkenhier to win his 100th game soon, and Cactus (12-1, 10-3, 9-3-1, 10-3, 10-3 since 1987) to get back on track.

"We lack size and depth, but we're excited," says the head coach, 87-32-2 at the school. "We were young, but we finished strong."

In junior Jonathan Beasley (6-1, 190, 4.7), Fetkenhier might have one of the premier young quarterbacks in the Valley. In junior Don Gallardo (6-3, 180, 4.6) he has one of the best kickers, and a top-notch safety. With RB Tim Vining (5-9, 170, 4.6), TE Jeremy McMillain (6-3, 208, 4.9), LB Marc Bonilla (6-0, 194, 4.9) and WR Mike Allen (6-1, 168, 4.7), he has four players who earned West Valley all-region honors.

Although guard Rob Steele (6-0, 230) is

in the mold of past Cactus offensive linemen, the strength of this club might be its defense, starting with LB David Engstrom (6-3, 215, 5.0), down linemen Joe Chavez (6-2, 203, 4.9) and Jeff Lewis (6-0, 240, 5.2, jr.), and deep backs Kevin McDonald (6-0, 160, 4.7) and Casey Tornberg (5-10, 160, 4.5, jr.), the fastest Cobra in camp.

Eight returning starters on offense and nine on defense make **Ironwood** a threat for the league crown. Coach Mark Matheson's club finished 3-7, but young players played a lot, and that should pay big dividends. Defensive back Ben Gibbons (5-10, 195) and wideout Adam Trombley (5-8, 175) landed post season votes. Junior David Rock (5-9, 175) is the QB; James Vogt (5-6, 150) the all-important kicker.

Senior starters, all game-tested, include FB/LB Val Barrett (6-1, 205), OC Jon Trimble (5-11, 235), OT/DE Jarmin Munford (6-4, 245), DT/OT Larry Brand (6-1, 275) and DE/TE C.J. Mehall (6-4, 235). Junior WR Craig Daigle (6-1, 180) will also start in the secondary.

Graduation stripped **Paradise Valley** of several good players, including all-state back Paul Shields. The Trojans finished 7-4 after a disappointing first round loss to eventual state champ Marana Mountain View in overtime. This year, success depends on how injury free the squad can be, plus the productivity of QB Derek Sawyer. "He could be one of the better players in the North Valley Region," says his coach, Bob Lambie. "We need to be a better defensive team than a year ago," he adds.

Sawyer will have two good receivers to pick from: WB David Kirkeby (6-2, 170, 4.8) and SE John Powers (6-3, 180, 4.7). Both also play in the secondary. So does back Bryan Folger (5-10, 175, 4.8), who starts on a corner. Fullback Kirk Dunagan (5-11, 180, 4.9) plays linebacker. Junior Dan Gonzales (6-5, 175, 4.8), a line-backer, is the backup QB.

Both lines return in full, and that's good news for **Goldwater**. The Bulldogs look to improve on 2-8, and head coach Tony Valenzuela thinks he has the horses to do so, starting with two-way tackle Ken Westerhaus (6-5, 235), a three year letterman. In the trenches, Westerhaus has some big buddies, including Westen Whitmer (6-4, 235), Bryan Acuna (6-2, 210) and Mike Estes (6-1, 195), all two-way players. Barry Cromer (6-2, 170) will be the Dogs' quarterback. Jimmy Schaus (6-1, 160) and Tim Larson (5-10, 150) are reliable receivers.

Talk about a fall from grace. **Greenway** went from 12-1 in 1993 to 0-10 last year. It's time to regroup. Junior Mark Brooks (6-0, 165) is back at quarterback. But being a back in Greenway's offense will not be safe, unless the Demons get better support up front from the likes of Jeff Franklin (6-0, 265), Steve Grabiec (6-3, 235), Anthony Miller (6-1, 235) and Steve Braden (6-3, 230), several of the bigger underclassmen listed on Greenway's varsity roster last year. Still, the young passing combo of Brooks to junior Damian Segovia (6-0, 168) was impressive. Brooks hit on 126 of 253 passes for 1,756 yards and seven scores. Segovia caught 32 passes for 631 yards.

4A CENTRAL VALLEY

1. Phoenix Alhambra
2. Sunnyslope
3. Phoenix Washington
4. Phoenix Thunderbird
5. Glendale Independence
6. Phoenix Cortez
7. Glendale

Alhambra hopes to end four straight years of losing seasons. If so, they might do it in style, with a Central Valley Region championship. Coach Paul Hoffland, 132-126-4 in the profession, has the horses to do so. Fifteen starters from last year's 2-8 outing return. "Our team speed will be excellent, and our passing game should be much improved," explains the Lions' head coach.

What the Lions lack in size they make up in speed and agility. The coaches like the leadership shown by QB Mike Elton (5-9, 165), two-way back Eric Johnson (6-0, 182), center Rudy Mendez (5-11, 192), FB/CB Damien Gammage (5-11, 168) and guard Dennis Gibson (5-10, 178), to name a few. Johnson, a second team all-state defensive back, is the Lions' blue chip player.

Chuck Lockwood (6-2, 233) promises to be a real leader on the offensive line. Other returning starters include WR/CB Shawn Duncan (5-9, 155), OG/LB Geoff Krenkel (5-10, 175), OT Simon Amavisca (6-1, 197), OG Tom Libert (5-11, 194), OLB Mock Slowinski (5-9, 158), OLB Marvin Gulley (5-10, 162) and DT Kevin Reagan (6-0, 183).

Alhambra, for years a playoff contender in the larger 5A ranks, has struggled with an enrollment decline since dropping

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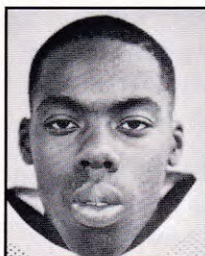
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down to the 4A level. The Lions are looking to reach the playoffs for the first time since 1986. If this club makes the big show, they'll be attempting to get past the second round for the first time in school history.

Sunnyslope finished strong, winning four of five games, lost to Washington 14-13, and logged a 5-4-1 record. Coach Tim Evans returns 19 lettermen, including the best signal caller in the Central Valley Region. Senior Chris Snyder (6-1, 195, 4.8) won high praise with impressive stats: 143/290 for 1,794 yards and 14 touchdowns. Too many dropped balls lowered his completion percentage. But if the receiving corps of Mark Simon (5-11, 160), Ray Portella (6-0, 170) and Jason Claborn (6-2, 175) grow sticky fingers, the Vikings aerial show will be worth the ticket. Tailback Mike Mannix (5-8, 165), with help from a solid front wall, should take pressure off the passing game. That front line reads: OC Spencer Hansen (6-0, 200), OG Mike Metcalf (5-9, 160), OG Matt Laird (6-0, 180), OT Mark Gabbard (6-1, 220) and OT Doug Smith (6-2, 190) - all seniors.

It's been five straight seasons of eight or more wins at **Washington**. With 18 varsity players, plus an unbeaten JV unit on the way, the trend should continue. A first round loss to Kingman was too early an exit. Still, the best Ram in camp might be a junior, two-way back Mike Hill (5-10, 150), a gifted athlete with 4.6 speed. Another back, senior Cliff Boop (5-10, 170, 4.8) earned all-league acclaim after intercepting three passes in one game - returning two for TDs. Aaron Mattingly (6-0, 170) is a strong two-way end with 4.7 speed.

A strong senior class includes center Aaron Atkinson (5-9, 195), OT/DT Jody Marble (6-2, 185), TE/LB Geoff Hasbach (6-2, 190), OG/LB Wade Vaughn (5-10, 165), OG/DE Al Yates (5-10, 175) and WR/DB Anthony Martinez (5-9, 150). The Rams' signal caller, two-way back Adam Unrein (5-9, 155), can also play safety.

Six years ago **Thunderbird** gave up more points (307) than any team in the region. How times have changed. Under Mike Brown, the Chiefs again are one of the better defensive clubs around. Last year's club gave up 9.9 points per game during a 7-3-1 outing. They tied state runnerup Tucson Sahuaro; lost to Peoria in the playoff's first round.

This year, the Chiefs need a big year from junior John Sanders (5-10, 165, 4.6), who rushed for 1,201 yards and scored 12 TDs. Sanders, along with QB Donny Starkins (5-10, 175, 4.8), start in the secondary. Steve Blodgett (5-11, 190, 4.9) is a good blocking guard, and a hard hitting linebacker. Other defensive starters include LB Pat Fargo (5-11, 195), DB Scott Tenney (5-10, 180), DT Brian Sheehan (5-10, 215) and LB Rob Pulliam (6-1, 180) - all seniors. Underclassmen who could really help include junior DT Mike Liston (6-2, 220), and sophomore 'backers Zeke Hodan (6-1, 185) and Matt Fargo (5-11, 190).

For the first time ever, **Independence** went winless. Only one senior started. But this class looks better, as head coach Pat Lavin looks for 12 seniors to dot the lineup, starting with QB Tommy Miller (6-2, 205), who passed for 1,416 yards. Two-way back Clint Smith (5-9, 175), Jeremiah Johnson (5-7, 170) and Wesley Holmes (6-

0, 170) will see plenty of action. However, linemen like Harry Counts (5-10, 220), Troy Mosher (5-10, 185), Sean Schibenski (5-9, 175), Steve Kelley (5-9, 185) and Matt Musgrove (6-3, 195) are the key players.

Cortez hasn't witnessed a winning season since 1988, so the Colts are hungry. Eighteen players from a 2-8 club return, including versatile Jay Burns (5-10, 165, 4.7), a receiver, safety and kicker. Running back Lee Martin (5-11, 185) is back. So is center David Hamilton (6-2, 195) and both guards, Peter Jordan (5-11, 190) and Kevin Hamilton (5-8, 175). With 4.7 speed, wing-back Brian Nichols (5-10, 185) and Burns are two of the fastest Colts in the corral.

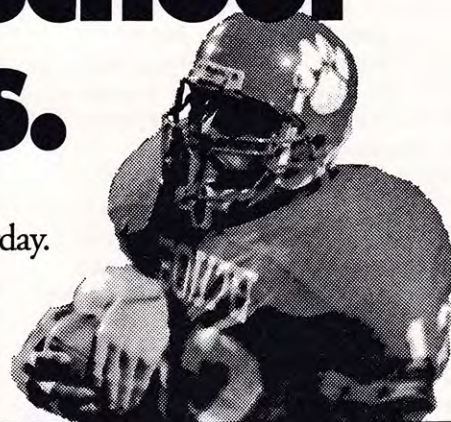
Hopefully for **Glendale** fans, the Cardinals' offense will catch up with the defense, and the playoffs will be in the picture. Coach Mike Carl returns 16 players from a 4-6 club which scored only 94 points. Still, the senior class is the key, and that group - one of the biggest in the Valley - has several good players, including offensive guard Jason Kelly (5-10, 185) and defensive middle guard David Vento (6-1, 260). The rest of Glendale's forward wall includes Richard Denny (6-2, 240), Ralph Karstens (6-2, 250), Damion MacLemore (6-1, 240) and Cameron Croney (6-7, 300), one of the biggest players in the region. Junior Nick Banks (6-6, 200) is a promising tight end. Junior Kirk Grizzell (6-4, 200) will start at defensive end. Young Quinten Bunley (5-6, 165) is small, but one of the tougher backs in the league. He runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. Senior Johnny Granado (6-1, 180) starts at cornerback.

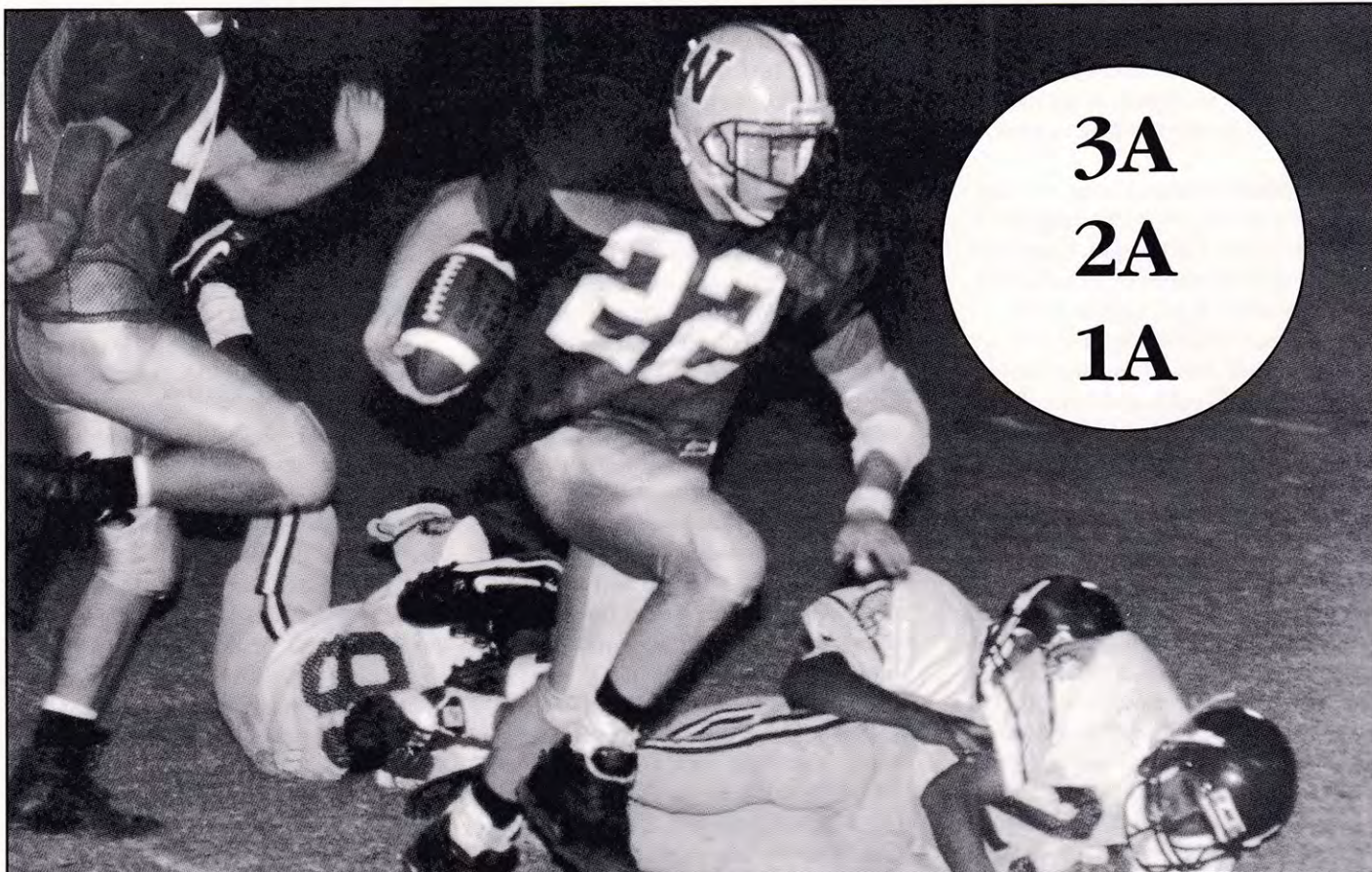
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Wickenburg back Sam Laurella scored 16 touchdowns and averaged 10.2 yards per carry. (Wickenburg Sun photo)

Wickenburg Wranglers Roll

The Hawks wasted no time in Dick Napolitano's first year, going 7-4 and advancing two rounds into the 3A playoffs. Show Low knocked **Buckeye** out in the quarterfinals, 27-6.

Only 14 squad members return, but a good JV unit (7-1) is on the way, so another playoff season is possible. Two-way tackle Chuck Armstrong (6-0, 230) appears to be the biggest and best Hawk in camp. Teammate Ty Gray (6-3, 215) is no little guy himself. Brandon Orosco (6-0, 190) is a two-way guard. Signal caller Jeremy Cooper (6-0, 175) runs the offense and plays in the secondary. His No. 1 target is split end Nathan Gable, a good receiver with adequate (4.8) speed.

Watch out for **Dysart**. Coach Bob McClintock's young Demons posted a 5-4 regular season and advanced to the playoffs, where Coolidge stopped the happy ride, 24-14. Also, the junior varsity was perfect (7-0), so with 26 varsity players - most in the league - Dysart might be the team to beat. "We expect to be competitive, quick and successful," warns the head coach.

Quick for sure. The Demons are always quick. Quarterback Eric Ganados (6-2, 180) is back. An honorable mention all-state selection, Ganados completed 57% of his passes for 1,350 yards and 10 touchdowns. He scored five times from scrimmage. Linebacker Shannon Hydeman (6-1, 218), the team's defensive captain, recorded 83 unassisted tackles; 193 assisted.

Four additional seniors with all-league potential include WR/DB Adrian Canez (6-3, 180), OC/NG Gabriel Alcantar (6-0, 225), RB/LB Raymond Flores (5-10, 190) and OT/DT Jesse De La Rosa (6-1, 235). If these Demons stay healthy, the coaching staff thinks Dysart can win the 3A West.

This will be the second varsity season for **Fountain Hills**, and the Falcons are battle tested. Only one senior started on their 1-8 club, so Jim Fairfield returns 99% of his front line troops. If healthy, watch for QB Dru Martinson (6-3, 185) to pass for 1,000-plus yards. Wideout Eric Petrone (5-9, 175) and TE Sean Gibson (6-4, 205) are solid targets. Two-way tackle Mike Amdahl (6-3, 220) led the team in tackles. Big Chris

Comeau (6-3, 260, jr.) can start at center, guard or tackle. Casey Huish (6-1, 235) has grown into a big, strong linebacker.

If things are to improve at **Cactus Shadows**, the junior class must take charge. That's not a good sign in the tough 3A West, where the Falcons went 2-7, worst in the school's history. "It could be rebuilding or it could be special," says Gerry LaBelle, 51-37-2 at the Cave Creek school.

One senior with varsity experience is back Rhett Schubert (6-1, 150), probably the best player in his class. Last spring he ran the second fastest 400-meters (51.0) in 3A track. The rest of the lineup centers around these key juniors: QB/DB Steve Wall, RB/DB Josh Bomar, RB/LB John Carlson, OG/LB Brandon Hall, OG/DT Anthony Cucci, TE/DE Charlie Ulrich, and TE/DE Roy Taylor. What separates these underclassmen from the rest is their ability to play both ways.

At **Wickenburg** the Wranglers finished 6-3 after falling to Willcox 33-12 in the first round of the 2A playoffs. "Last season went

as expected," says head coach Jon Hill. "But I thought we'd go farther into the playoffs."

Again, the Wranglers are talented in the backfield, with all-everything Sam Laurella (5-9, 180), flanker Isaac Snyder (6-2, 170) and QB Josh Magden (6-2, 180) ready to go. With 4.5 speed, Laurella is one of the best backs in the 3A West. He averaged 10.2 yards per carry, rushed for 1,010 yards and scored 16 touchdowns.

Jarrad Broyles (6-0, 210) will snap the ball. Two-way tackle Kevin McComb (6-3, 200) has good size and speed (4.9). Young Matt Greene (6-0, 180), only a sophomore, plays guard and linebacker. Brett Bodine is another top-notch linebacker.

Phoenix Christian is on the right track. In Keith Brown's second year as head coach, the Cougars finished 7-3 after falling to Morenci in the playoffs, 36-29. Over one dozen players from that thriller return, include LB Chris Wood (5-11, 195), WR Tim Kohner (6-2, 170) and two-way tackle Aaron Nance (6-4, 215), three of the better players in the 2A West.

Kohner broke five school records last year, including most catches in a game (10), receiving yards in a game (189), TD catches in a game (3), receiving yards in a season (409) and catches in a season (27). Wood had 76 solo tackles and six interceptions as a linebacker; Nance 41 tackles and nine QB sacks.

Back Scott Comfort (5-10, 175) averaged 29.3 yards per kickoff return, with a longest of 91 yards. Junior David Tefteller (6-2, 190) picked off three passes, blocked three punts, recovered three fumbles, made 46 tackles and knocked down nine passes in the secondary. Against Morenci he caught an 89-yard touchdown pass. Any quarterback problems appear solved, with the transfer of former Mesa High product Tim Rattay (6-2, 180), who also plays in the secondary.

Everything that could go wrong did for **Bourgade Catholic**, where the Golden Eagles went 4-5 after an 8-3 finish in '92. But that's water under the bridge, and 12 lettermen with good size and speed are ready to go. Coach Bill Cerjak has two of the better players in the 2A West when linemen Ed Garcia (6-2, 190) and Alfred Vasquez (5-10, 180) are in the lineup. Both are two-way players. So is senior guard Eric Kellen, an end on defense. Juniors Dominic Ramella, a fullback-linebacker, and Sam Hockless, a two-way back, have good speed and skills. Hockless runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds.

It's good news and bad news at **Tempe Valley Christian**. The Doom Brothers, Brandon and Carson, who guided the Trojans through a near-perfect 10-1 cam-

paign, have graduated. That's bad news for VCHS fans. Good news for the opponents.

Still, Bernie Benson returns 12 lettermen from last year's 2A Central champs, including two of the best players in the league: RB/NG Adam Hryb (6-4, 210) and talented David Green (6-2, 175), a wideout, corner back and kicker. Green, who runs 400 meters in 51.4 seconds, booted 29 extra points. In fact, with linebacker Bryce Barnes (6-1, 165) also back, Benson might have the best defensive club in the region. Barnes is also the Trojans' quarterback.

Tackles Jeff Bokamper (6-2, 190) and Matt Porter (6-1, 180), like most Trojans, are good athletes. Bokamper, who also plays linebacker, pole vaulted 13-feet last spring. Porter vaulted 12-6. Nick Velimirovich (6-1, 160) and Chris Russell (5-11, 165) give the receiving corps depth. Sophomore Josh Sinkey (5-11, 155) is the backup quarterback. Jason Melkowski (6-1, 170) and Andy Pattison (5-9, 210) are hard runners. Aaron Gardner (5-7, 135) and Brandon Duffy (5-8, 155) are small, but tough guards. Sophomore Brad Yarbrough (6-2, 185) is a promising two-way tackle.

At **Queen Creek**, the Bulldogs recorded only the second winning season in the school's history, finishing 6-4 after falling to St. Johns in the first round of the 2A state playoffs. Coach Gary Winchester and his staff are excited about the upcoming season, and rightfully so. "After last year's season ending playoff loss, the players are hungry for the new season to start," says Winchester, a former football and track star at Arizona State.

The Bulldogs may have three of the top players in the 2A Central: TE/LB Rick Burkmier (6-3, 220), TB/SS Eddie Campos (5-10, 185) and junior FB/LB Justin Hawley (5-11, 190). The coaching staff feels that Burkmier is a major college prospect. In fact, with a healthy Mike Norburg (5-11, 195) in the lineup, Queen Creek might have the best linebacking corps in the region. Tackle Greg Leach (6-3, 245) and promising signal caller John Bolton (6-3, 185) are juniors. In Bolton might be the key to the Bulldogs' success.

Last year **Seton Catholic** started nine sophomores, and it showed in the won loss column: 2-7-0. "We were not hit hard by graduation, but must still fill a couple of key positions," says second-year head coach Joe Timpani.

At cornerback, the Sentinels have all-state potential in the form of Matt Meister (5-10, 150), a senior with 4.8 speed. In fact, the secondary will be Seton's strength, as strong safety Ramon Bernaszoni (5-10, 150) made 135 tackles as a sophomore. Linebacker Dan Walker (6-0, 175) makes the defense even meaner. John Morrow (5-

11, 180) joins him on the flanks. Defensive end Mark Heinze (5-10, 180) and corner Chris Gaeta (5-10, 150), like Bernaszoni, have two years of varsity play remaining.

At **Maricopa** the whole show is senior Mike Gardner (5-11, 177), one of the state's premier sprinters, and a terrific runner, receiver, kick returner. Last year's club went 7-2 before advancing to the 2A playoffs, where St. Johns ended their season.

In the 8-man ranks, **Scottsdale Christian** looks loaded. The Eagles, coached by Charlie Hetzer, return 18 players from a 7-2 unit, including five who landed post-season honors: QB Greg Davis (5-10, 175), RB Adrian Heath (5-9, 180), TE Jake Mosher (6-3, 210), LB Mike Apostol (6-0, 200) and DL Jason Hetzer (6-3, 210).

Davis passed for 1,044 yards and 18 touchdowns; Heath rushed for 1,082 yards and scored 12 times; Mosher caught 20 passes for 210 yards and five TDs; Apostol, also a good kicker, made 111 tackles, three interceptions, and was 100% on extra points; Hetzer made 78 tackles, nine QB sacks. Center Miles Ryerson (6-2, 235), lineman Greg Sullivan (6-1, 200) and wideout Jeff Beran (5-8, 160) can not be overlooked. Two-way back Greg Lentz (5-9, 175), a transfer, should help.

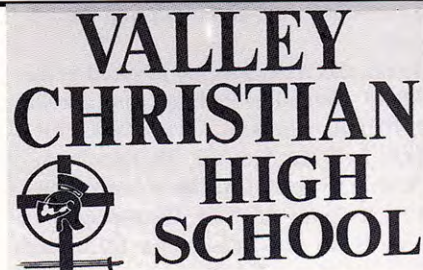
"We lost momentum near the end of the season and did not regain it," says **Northwest Community Christian** mentor Charlie Bell, whose club finished 7-1 but missed the playoffs. "However, the season overall was satisfying. We had a great group of seniors."

This year the Crusaders have a good group of juniors, including two-way linemen Rob Hardesty (6-4, 230) and J.R. Jaspersen (6-2, 210). Young back Kevin Treat (5-11, 170) is only a sophomore. Still, senior leadership is important. That needs to come from QB Justin Masters (6-2, 175) and halfback Jason Laos (5-9, 170), the club's fastest back, if NWCC is to compete for the 1A West crown.

Arizona Lutheran Academy, 11-0 in 1992, went 5-4 and lost to state champ Williams 50-8 in the playoff's first round. Lots of key players return, starting with junior guard Chris Wright (5-11, 225), senior guard Tony Gendill (5-9, 230), senior center Mike Wendt (6-0, 225), senior end Josh Wendt (6-2, 150), senior back Chris Aragon (6-0, 185), junior fullback Kurt Duff (5-11, 190), junior TE Billy Rodriguez (5-10, 155) and junior linebacker Andy Swift (5-10, 155), possibly the Coyotes' best, most solid tackler. Big Angel Thompson (6-2, 200), a sophomore transfer from Globe, appears to be a fine athlete, the only freshman to make the varsity baseball team last spring.

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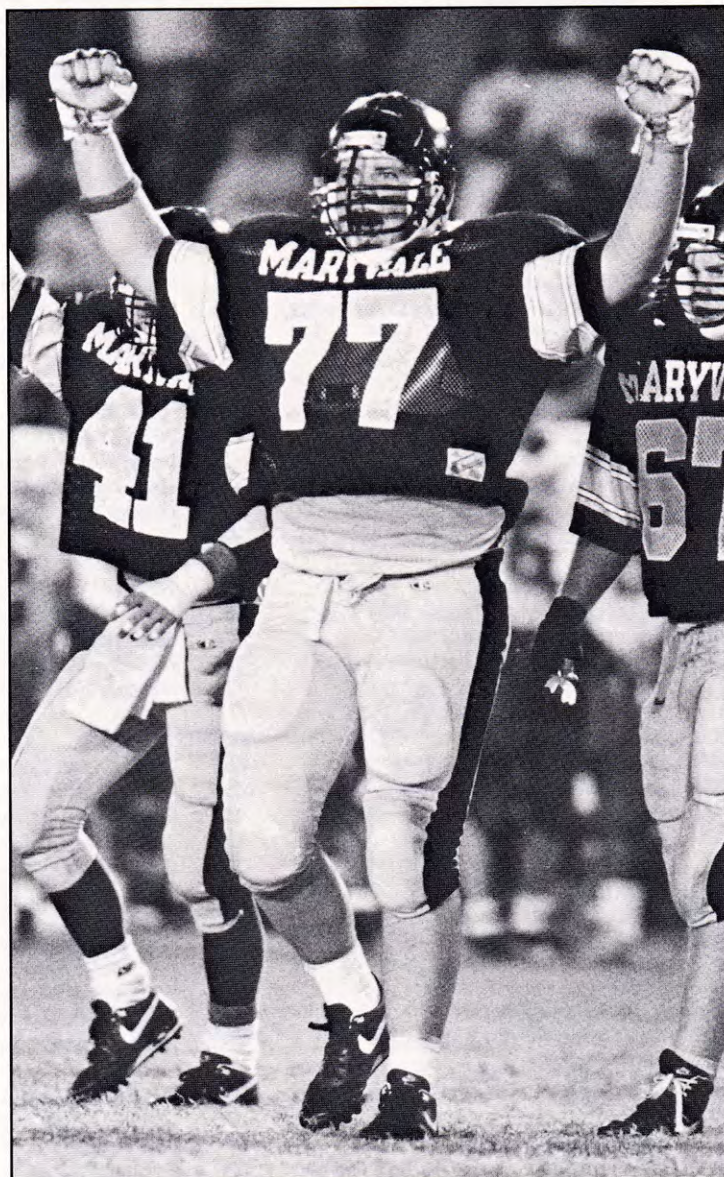
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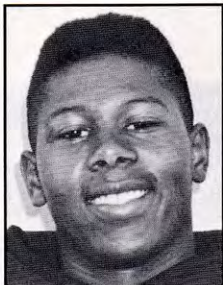
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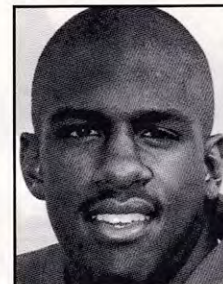
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328Keith Huckaby, Agua Fria, 1989
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AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

12.6Jerry Bridgman, Buckeye, 1955 (fr)
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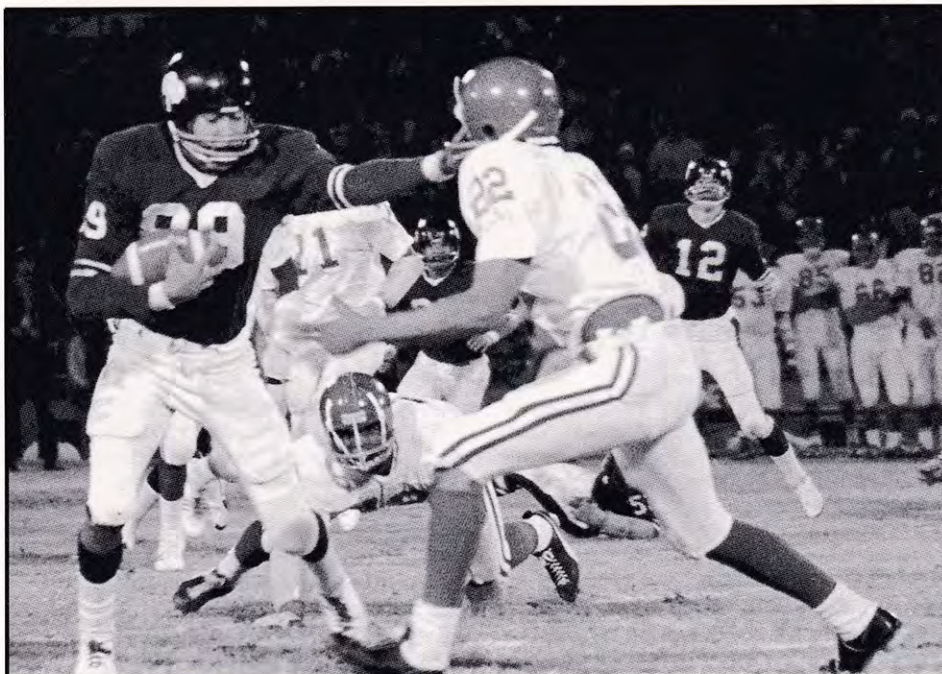
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 98Marvin Davis, Tempe, 1950
 98Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
 98Danny Arrendondo, Tempe, 1952
 98Paul Fichiera, Coronado, 1990 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME (SEASON)

183.4 ..Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, 1992
 181.0 ..Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
 173.8 ..Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
 173.2 ..Sean Reeder, Cave Creek, 1988
 166.9 ..Marcus Dickson, Maryvale, 1989
 162.1 ..Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
 160.6 ..Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

479Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 404Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 403Rick Johnson, Paradise Valley, 1983
 385Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
 380Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
 374Jason McCullough, Arcadia, 1992
 374Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 366Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 365Todd Sheridan, Arcadia, 1982
 358Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

3,462 ..Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 2,539 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
 2,507 ..Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
 2,352 ..Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
 2,233 ..Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1984

2,226 ..John Bonds, St. Mary's, 1987
 2,170 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983 (so)
 2,081 ..Joe Germaine, Mountain View, 1993
 2,033 ..William Babb, Peoria, 1987
 2,011 ..Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

6,346 ..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
 6,064 ..Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
 4,712 ..Scott Molander, CDS, 1982-84
 4,596 ..Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
 4,373 ..Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91
 4,174 ..Justin Diede, Glendale, 1989-91
 4,135 ..William Babb, Peoria, 1985-87
 4,007 ..Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

7Tommy Scott, Gilbert, 1926
 6Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924
 6Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
 6Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
 5Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958
 5Ted Blake, Sunnyslope, 1965
 5Pete Harter, Chandler, 1965
 5Randy Holmes, Peoria, 1968
 5Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
 5Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
 5Shawn Gilbert, Agua Fria, 1982
 5Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982
 5Jeff Zygmunt, Deer Valley, 1984
 5Chuck Levinus, Cactus, 1984
 5Lee Schrack, Tempe, 1988
 5Cory Giles, Westwood, 1991
 5Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 5Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993
 5Marty Rincon, Westview, 1993

5Steve O'Hare, Brophy Prep, 1993

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

27Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1991
 24Chris Calgano, Gerard, 1974
 23Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
 23Chris Stanfield, Mesa, 1981
 23William Babb, Peoria, 1987
 23Joe Germaine, Mountain View, 1993
 23Kris Heddings, Peoria, 1990
 22Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1967 (jr)
 22Chris Skelly, St. Mary's, 1974
 22Brian Judd, Cactus, 1989
 22Steve Connolly, Washington, 1989
 22Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969 (so)
 22Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's, 1993 (so)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

58Marty Rincon, Westview, 1991-93
 51Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
 47Kevin Stephens, Cactus, 1990-91
 45Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
 40Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68
 40Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99Frank Zellner to Gloyes Lemons,
Buckeye, 1955
 99Doug Stittler to Curt Reimann,
Brophy Prep, 1978
 98Ken Butler to Ralph Flores,
Sunnyslope, 1960
 98Matt Saxe to Colin Fuel,
Washington, 1993

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

16Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 13Jason Birdsong, 1989 (jr)
 13David Stephens, Glendale, '90 (jr)
 12Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978
 12Adam Mesa, Gilbert, 1982
 12Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 12Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 12Shelby Hill, Central, 1988

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

76Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
 68Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
 66Brant Williams, Independence, 1986
 66Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
 64Scott McLouth, Gilbert, 1985
 61Bryan Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1983 (jr)
 60Bill Sorcinelli, Camelback, 1964
 60Jake Greene, Westview, 1993
 59Travis Ligon, Cactus, 1984
 59Gilbert Gutierrez, Independence, '93
 58Ed Flores, Arcadia, 1976
 58Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
 58Ernie Salazar, Paradise Valley, '86 (jr)

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

148Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 119Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 117Cleveland Colter, McClintock, '83-85
 117Don Yantis, Paradise Valley, 1986-88
 111Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90

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RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

302Pete Klaass, Paradise Valley, 1983 (jr)
 296Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 260Keith Rawls, CDS, 1982
 240Shelby Hill, Central, 1988
 234Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 226Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 225Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 225Craig Brown, Westview, 1993 (jr)
 224David Donahue, McClintock, 1982
 220Danny Starr, Maricopa, 1987
 220Todd Young, MDN, 1983 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,226 ..Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
 1,201 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989
 1,188 ..Tony Vining, Cactus, 1991
 1,090 ..Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
 1,090 ..Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
 1,039 ..Jake Greene, Westview, 1993
 1,038 ..Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 1,014 ..Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,508 ..Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 2,172 ..Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 2,165 ..Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

5Dwight Bennett, Glendale, 1966
 4Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 4Merrill Brookings, Gilbert, 1926
 4Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
 4Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1961 (jr)
 4Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 4Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 4Dan White, West, 1967
 4Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969 (jr)
 4Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974
 4Shawn Harris, Tempe, 1988
 4Scott Mettham, Chaparral, 1988
 4Mike Collins, Mtn. Pointe, 1993 (jr)

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

15Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1989 (jr)
 14Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
 14Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977
 14Craig Brown, Westview, 1993 (jr)
 13Murl Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 13Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 13Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 13Mike Baker, Gerard, 1974
 13James Sosinski, McClintock, 1980

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

29Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 26Jason Birdsong, Cactus, 1988-90
 23Jake Greene, Westview, 1991-93
 21Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
 20Charles Christopher, Carver, 1950-53

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
 4Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
 4Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
 4Seth Williams, Glendale, 1958

4Jack Meck, Buckeye, 1958
 4Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
 4Ralph Quintero, Gilbert, 1966
 4Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
 4Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
 4Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
 4Bret Baker, Saguaro, 1974
 4Vince Martinez, Tempe, 1981
 4Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983
 4Rich Henkel, Horizon, 1984

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

15Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
 14Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979
 14Andy Zwingler, Peoria, 1979
 13Shawn Benson, Mesa, 1981
 13Scotty Malm, Phoenix Christian, 1986
 12Phil Havens, North, 1962
 12Bill Diple, Arcadia, 1965 (jr)
 12Scott Hutson, Mountain View, 1983
 12Rhon McKinney, North, 1986

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

26Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, '85-87
 24Carlos Artis, Washington, 1988-90
 20Rhon McKinney, North, 1985-86

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)

105T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985 (jr)
 103John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
 103Armando Bernasconi, Seton, 1991 (jr)
 102Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
 102Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
 102Chris Enos, Cortez, 1982
 100Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
 100Mike Smith, Phoenix Christian, 1962
 100David Given, McClintock, 1975
 100Scott Lubow, Shadow Mtn., 1984
 100Brian Fair, South Mountain, 1988 (so)
 100Jerry Ingram, Independence, 1988
 100Al Sparks, Maryvale, 1990 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
 4Phil Insalaco, Phx. Christian, 1984
 4Joe Ackie, Carl Hayden, 1990
 4Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 4Andy Schiesl, Chaparral, 1993 (so)

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

19Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
 16Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
 13Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian, 1984
 13Cameron Mark, Arcadia, 1993 (jr)
 12Randy Weiskittle, Brophy Prep, 1987
 12Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
 12Mario Silva, St. Mary's, 1990
 12Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 11Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
 11Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1984 (jr)
 11Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1985 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

36Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
 26Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1984-86
 24Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

62Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1989
 55Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 55Marcus Williams, McClintock, 1992
 54Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
 54Chuck Hunzinger, Deer Valley, 1984
 54Matt Belden, Glendale, 1992 (jr)
 52Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 52Benny Moreno, North, 1977
 52David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
 52Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, 1984 (so)
 52Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987
 52Tony DiLoretto, St. Mary's, 1992 (jr)

PATS (GAME)

15Danny White, Westwood, 1969
 11Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
 10Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
 10Darin Madrigal, Mesa, 1993

PATS (SEASON)

69Tony Camino, Peoria, 1987
 66Kyle Bell, McClintock, 1989
 63Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
 60Steve Rausch, Dobson, 1987
 60Derek Lay, Maryvale, 1992 (jr)
 58Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1982
 55Lee Toone, Cactus Shadows, 1988
 54Darin Madrigal, Mesa, 1993

PATS (CAREER)

142Kyle Pooler, Cactus, 1987-89
 135Derek Lay, Maryvale, 1991-93
 134Rich Groppenbacher, McC., 1982-84
 115Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80
 115Tony Camino, Peoria, 1985-87

LONGEST PUNT

99Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925
 84John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
 80Justus Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
 77Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley, 78
 77Matt Belden, Glendale, 1993
 75Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
 75John Parker, Buckeye, 1939
 75Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
 75Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

47.6Matt Belden, Glendale, 1992 (jr)
 47.5Jess Skousen, Mesa, 1922
 47.0Jim McCann, North, 1965
 46.0Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
 45.9Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TOUCHDOWN)

102Brackston Whitaker, Glendale, 1939
 100Larry Royse, Tempe, 1956
 100Tom Ribauda, East, 1967

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TOUCHDOWN)

102Roger Rice, Alhambra, 1989
 102Carl Mason, Independence, 1989
 102Armando Castro, Peoria, 1990
 100Seth Carr, St. Mary's, 1988
 100Donnell Thompson, North, 1988

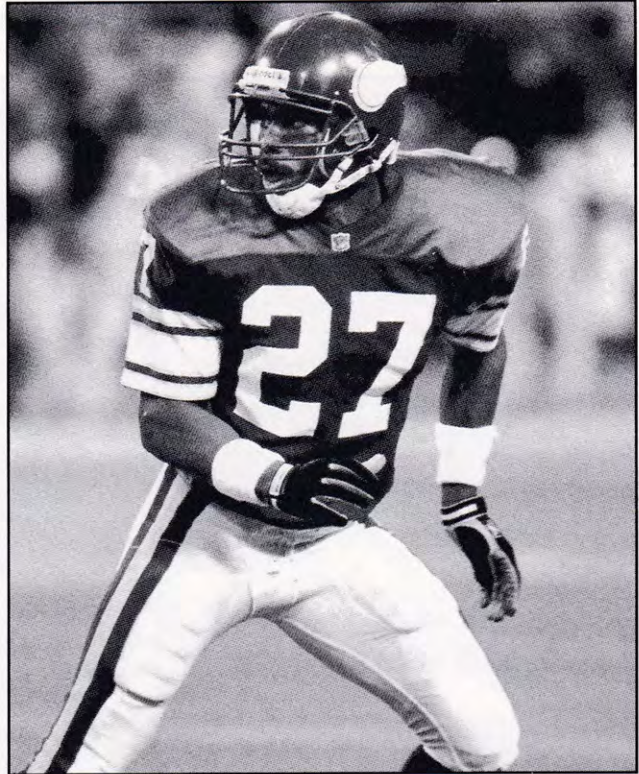
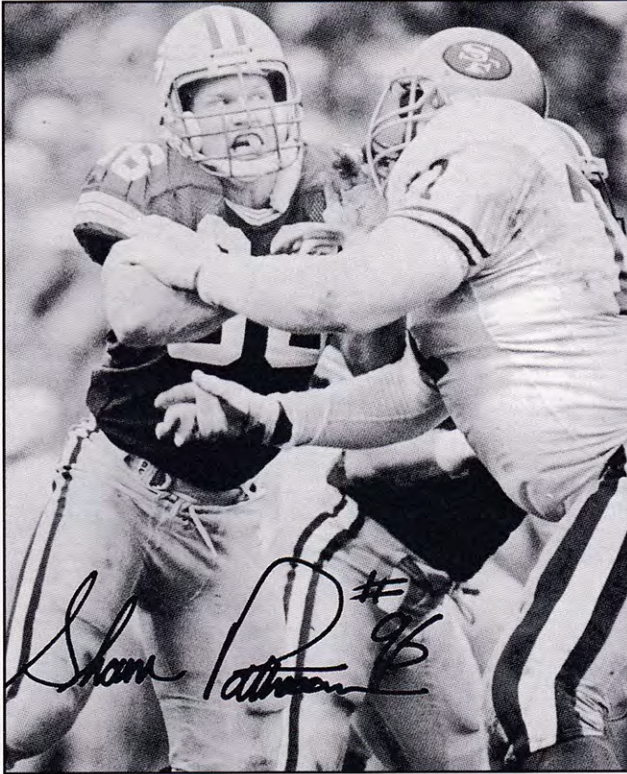
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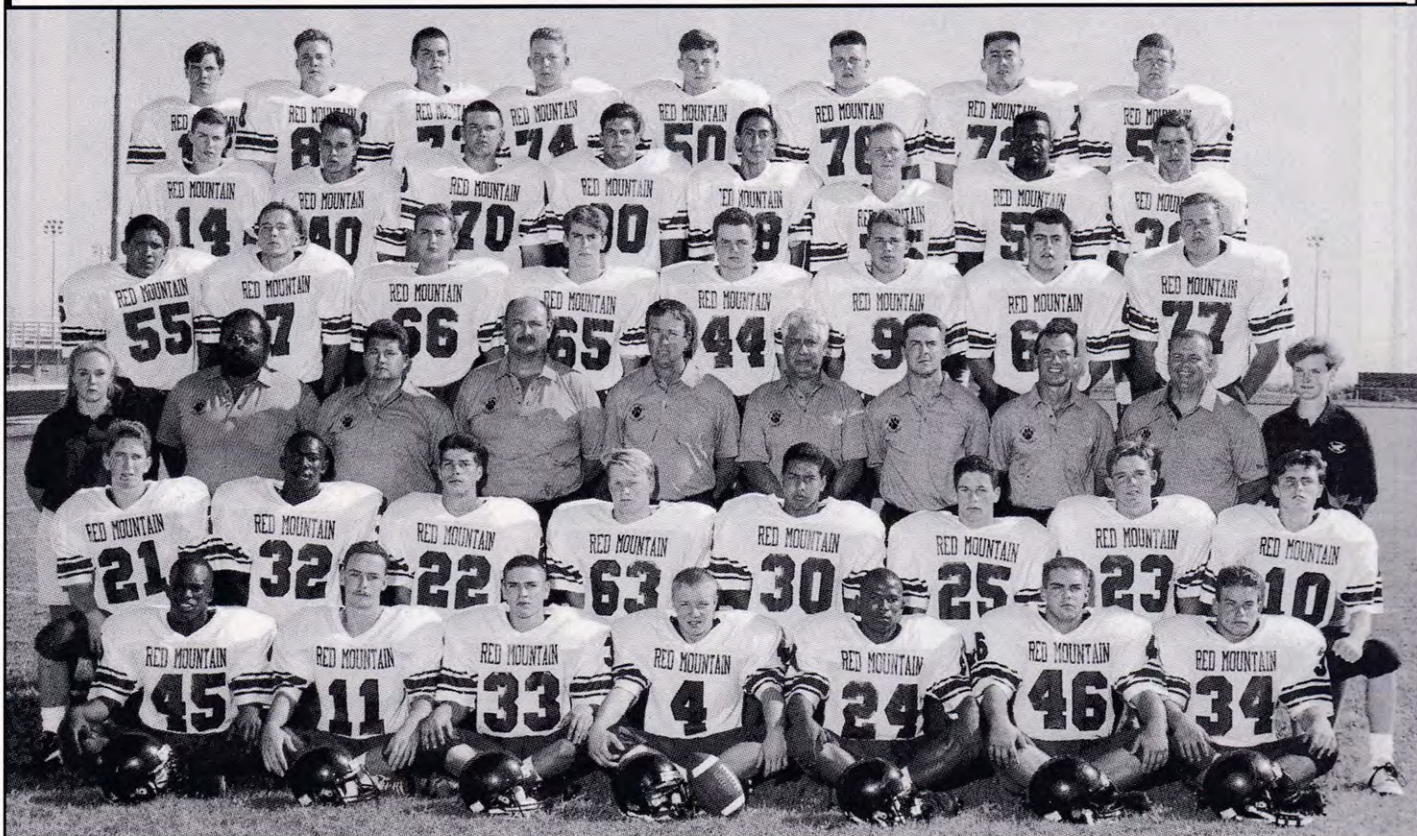
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Buddy: What's in Store for '94?

By Gary Rausch
Tribune Sports

Everyone knew Buddy Ryan would shuffle the deck when he gained control of the Arizona Cardinals. The revised Cardinals could feature a starting lineup with as many as four new players, and five players who weren't starters on last year's team, when they play the Los Angeles Rams in the 1994 opener.

Ryan is the type of coach who's inclined to bluff that he's improved his lot, but a more neutral observer might not be so easily led.

With the major shaking out done for the off-season, just what has Ryan wrought? Here's a position-by position look at the changes:

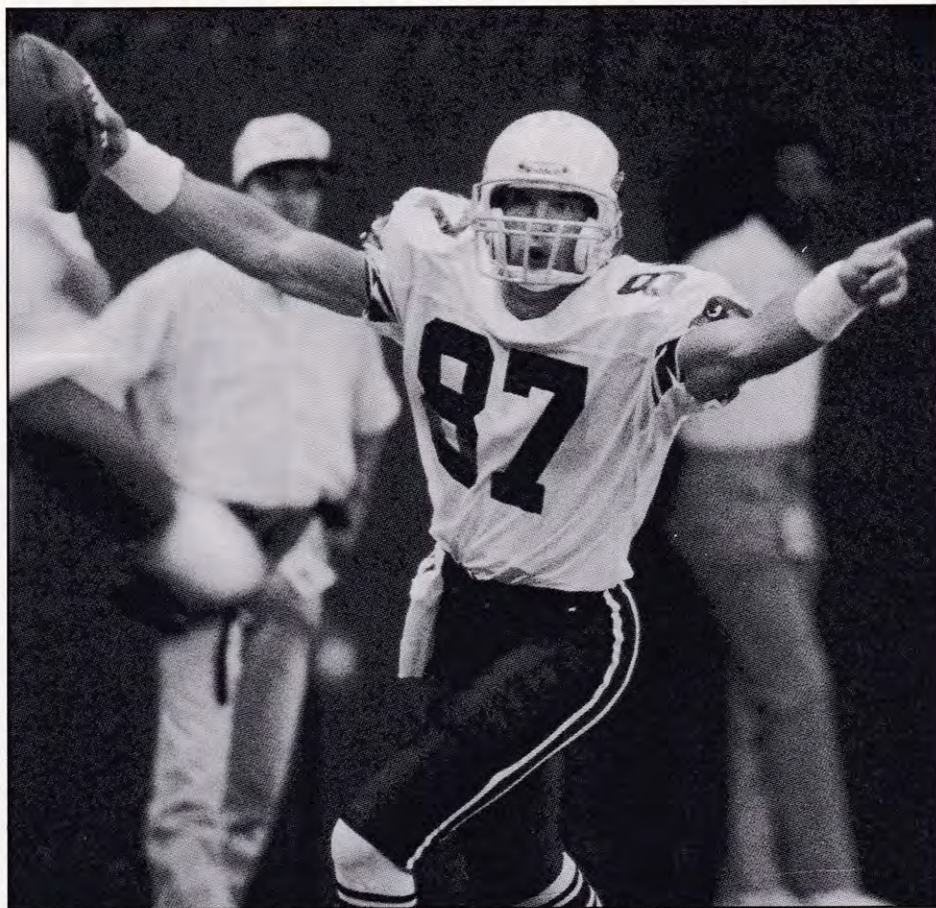
At quarterback, Steve Beuerlein's still the man, but there's a big change at the backup spots. Jim McMahon and Will Furrer are in, Chris Chandler and Tony Sacca out. McMahon's a proven winner, and his addition is a sure sign that Ryan thinks the team can win right away. As usual, McMahon's durability is a big question mark.

At running back it's an exciting variety pack if Garrison Hearst is healthy. Ryan is enthralled with Ron Moore, but wants more two-back sets. That allows Larry Centers to showcase his running skills after leading the club in pass receptions. Ryan is betting rookie Chuck Levy will be more productive. Eric Blount figures as the fifth back and extra return man.

There's no room for rookies at wide receiver. Ricky Proehl hauled in 60-plus passes for the second straight year, and Gary Clark took a pay cut to stay around after catching 63 in only eight games. Randall Hill never got untracked under Joe Bugel but has responded to Ryan's continual praise. If someone falters, special teams star Anthony Edwards, a former Casa Grande High School star, is more than adequate.

At tight end, the current staff wants this position to function as more than just an extra blocker. Butch Rolle wasn't wanted and Walter Reeves sought big bucks elsewhere. That leaves temperamental Derek Ware, who had more drops than catches in two seasons. Now he's starting with no one to push him.

In the offensive line, with the departure of Mark May and Lance Smith, 12-year veteran Luis Sharpe becomes a grandfather figure at age 34. Rick



Reliable Ricky Proehl caught 60-plus passes for the second year in a row (Tribune photo).

Cunningham should continue to improve at right tackle, and the Cardinals are hoping likewise for third-year center Ed Cunningham. The uncertainty is at guard. Ernest Dye has been given the left guard position and, on the right side, Joe Wolf gets one last chance to prove he wasn't a bust as the No. 1 draft choice in 1989.

On the defensive line, end Clyde Simmons arrived to help administer attitude adjustment. Chief beneficiary is a leaner, meaner Eric Swann at left tackle. Ryan wants to move Michael Bankston from end to tackle and was hoping to lure Richard Dent to play left end, but the 49ers scuttled those plans. That means the options are moving Bankston back to end, or going with inexperienced Chad Brown.

Linebacker is an area of greatest upheaval. Eric Hill could blossom into a Pro Bowl performer after signing a long-term contract and being inserted in the middle of the "46" defense. Seth Joyner could join him for postseason in Honolulu. A big key is No. 1 draft choice Jamir Miller. Middle linebacker Brett

Wallerstedt should stick because he can swing outside.

There's a big shakeup in the secondary, with Buffalo free agent James Williams replacing Robert Massey at right corner, strong safety Dave Duerson retiring, and weak safety Michael Zordich and strong safety James Booty being set free. Cornerback Aeneas Williams received a contract commensurate with his talent, but unhappy safety Lorenzo Lynch resigned for only one year. Chuck Cecil agreed to a huge pay cut to remain. Corners Steve Lofton and Odie Harris must beat out draftees Perry Carter and John Reece to retain backup/special teams jobs.

Regarding special teams, Arizona locked up kicker Greg Davis with a new contract, but Ryan's first move tossed five-time Pro Bowl punter Rich Camarillo from the nest for cheaper Jeff Feagles, a former Phoenix Gerard High School product. Return specialist Bailey was a similar salary casualty, but Chuck Levy should more than shore up that vacancy. Randy Kirk is the new long-snapper and emergency linebacker.

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Ask any sports photographer in Phoenix, and they'll tell you the same thing. Trying to get a good action "pic" of the Arizona Rattlers' Hernandez "Hunkie" Cooper is almost impossible. It might be harder than trying to tackle him.

Cooper, Arena Football's MVP in 1993, is as successful as the league itself. At America West Arena, he's a bundle of dynamite.

The 5-foot-9, 190-pound wideout/ kick returner enjoyed another stellar year, just like his amateur career in Texas and Nevada. Playing quarterback, he led powerful Navarro Junior College of Corsicana, Texas, to the NJCAA championship in 1988. Earlier, Cooper had graduated from Westwood High School in Palestine, Texas, where he earned varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. Later, at Nevada- Las Vegas, he played six positions - including quarterback - and was a two-time all-Big West Conference selection. He earned All-America honors as a punt returner his senior year.

He then played two seasons with British Columbia of the Canadian Football League before joining the Rattlers in 1993. He was working as a security guard at the Gold Coast Hotel in Las Vegas when he was contacted by Pete Kettela, the Rattlers' assistant coach and director of player personnel.

"I had made my mind up that football was slipping away from me," Cooper said recently. "I then said 'Let me give it one more shot.'"

He made the most of it, and summer football fans in Phoenix are glad he did.

In 1992, he finished the regular season with 91 catches for 1,214 yards and 19 touchdowns. He totaled 1,423 yards in kick returns - a single-season record for Arena Football. He completed his only two

been here."

Cooper's dream of playing in the NFL was short-lived, when he was released from the New Orleans Saints early this season. But it didn't seem to bother the gifted Rattler, who claims his new home in Phoenix is where it's at, today. When he stepped onto the field at American West Arena again, the 15,000-plus fans gave him a standing ovation. Then it was business as usual, and he starting terrorizing defensive backs throughout the league.

In Phoenix, Arena

Football's first season was more successful than anybody expected. The average attendance was over 11,500.

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Only two other professional football leagues in the country have lasted longer - the National Football League and American Football League, which merged in 1970.

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pass attempts for touchdowns.

"Hunkie's a guy who should be playing on a bigger field," said head coach Danny White, a former starting quarterback with the NFL Dallas Cowboys. "He's the most exciting player to watch in this league since I've

Scottsdale on the Rise

By Bart Conley

The success story continues in the Arizona Community College football ranks. This league spells success G-L-E-N-D-A-L-E. Last November, the Gauchos finished 8-1 during the regular season. Then, on Thanksgiving Day, Joe Kersting's Big Red Machine played Hutchinson, Kansas in the annual Valley of the Sun Bowl. They blitzed the Blue Dragons, 59-9.

Sophomore Mickey Murray rushed 23 times for 212 yards and two touchdowns. Murray, who gained 263 yards in the 1992 classic, gained over 1,000 yards again for the Gauchos, who were playing in the bowl for the 4th consecutive year. Gone are players like Murray, who picked up their diplomas, but still in tact is Glendale's tradition. That might never change.

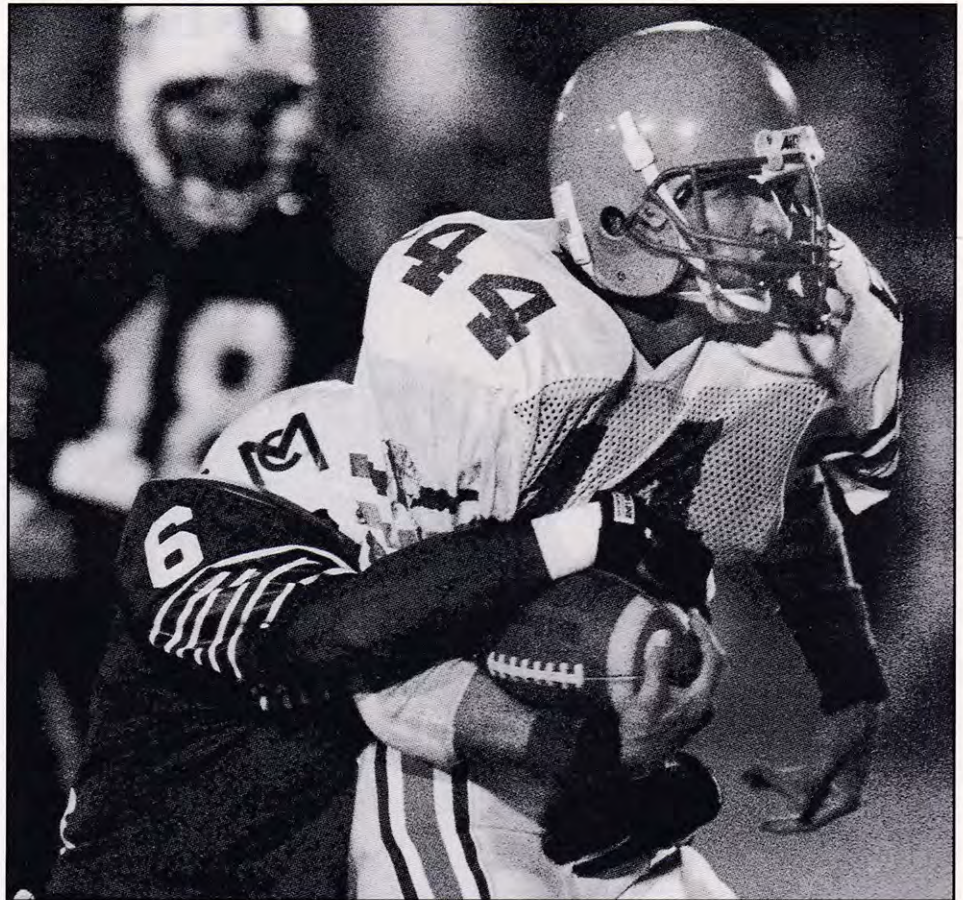
Still, a more balanced recruiting war among Phoenix area junior colleges makes the race closer than ever. A look at *Phoenix Metro Football's* preseason Dandy Dozen (see chart) shows the top talent spread evenly, and that should show in the fall. From a team standpoint, Glendale and Mesa will disagree. The race is on.

The most improvement shows at **Scottsdale CC**, where Land Jacobsen watched his club improve from 1-8 two years ago to 5-4. The offense played well and returns most skill players. "I'm very optimistic," says Jacobsen, whose big wins came against Mesa and Phoenix. "We're much improved on defense. Our kicking game is solid. And we feel very good about our recruiting class."

The Artichokes return two outstanding receivers and maybe the top running back in Arizona, but still must find a QB and several down linemen. Terrance Brown (5-11, 175, 4.5), an all-conference pick, and Xavier Brown (6-1, 190, 4.6), an all-conference return man, are dandy receivers. Terrance caught 27 passes for 446 yards and eight TDs. Xavier caught 22 for 358 and three scores. Both averaged over 16 yards per grab.

Keith Martin (5-9, 190, 4.6), a second team all-conference back, rushed for 628 yards and seven scores; caught 20 passes for 224 yards and another. He even passed for a touchdown.

Erik Tellef (6-1, 255) has center locked up. Frank Celaya (6-3, 290) is a solid



Mesa wide receiver Brandon Thomas, a former all-stater at Westwood, has taken his pass catching skills to Mesa CC. (Tribune photo)

blocker at tackle. Defensively, redshirt sophomores Elijah McCray (5-10, 170) and Gene Washington (5-10, 170) should start at the corners. But Floyd Young (6-1, 170) is the school's quickest player, with 4.4 speed. He also plays corner. Not to be overlooked is the "recruiting class" Jacobsen referred to. It includes three of the better schoolboy stars in Phoenix last year: NG Tony Griswold (6-4, 242) from Phoenix Thunderbird, SS/RB Paul Shields (6-2, 200) of Paradise Valley, and QB Joe Germaine (6-2, 190) from state 5A champ Mountain View.

But **Glendale CC** is the team to beat. Until proven otherwise. Although 33 lettermen return, almost every starter picked up a diploma. One who didn't was tight end Kris Houser (6-3, 245), a second team all-conference pick. One of the more impressive looking Gauchos is free safety Mike Johnson (6-3, 210), a Yuma native with 4.6 speed and major college size and ability.

Marvin Lee (6-0, 190), the one-time Cactus High star, will run the club. He has

4.6 speed and a good arm. Backs carrying the mail include Marcus Burgess (5-11, 220, 4.6) and Jason Bandy (5-9, 175, 4.5), a burner with good hands. Besides Houser, wideout Danny Riccio (6-0, 175) makes for a good receiver. J.J. Teichman (6-4, 280) and Nick Jay (6-0, 255) start on the offensive line.

In the mold of a good Glendale defensive unit comes linemen like Pat Racanelli (6-0, 260) and Paul Politte (6-0, 255), along with linebackers Lance Moore (6-2, 230) and Garon McQuin (6-2, 210). Speedy Greg Hairston (6-0, 190, 4.5) joins Johnson in the secondary. With kicker Mark Jagodzinski (6-0, 210) and punter Sean Hegarty (6-2, 205), the kicking game looks solid. Key frosh recruits include all-state wideout Mike Lemos from Yuma, who caught 34 passes for 1,030 yards and 12 touchdowns, a 30.3 yards per catch average; OL Nate Williamson from Cactus, RB Jason Burmann from Scottsdale Chaparral and RB Jason Daigle from Ironwood.

According to the coaches, it was a good

but not a great season at **Mesa CC**, where David Rice's Thunderbirds finished 6-3. Injuries played a key role, as they do throughout the league. Still, road wins over Snow (50-14), Arizona Western (42-7), New Mexico Military (21-10) and Phoenix (31-17) were highlights. Lots of freshmen played, which is a good sign for this year.

"Eight starters return on offense," explains Rice. "This could be the best offensive line I've had since coming to Mesa. We'll average 290 across the front. Our defensive line will be the best I have ever been associated with. And Brandon Thomas will be the next All-American wide receiver at Mesa."

That offensive line features two giants, 6-8, 310-pound Ian Miller and 6-4, 320-pound Trevor Lynk. The defensive front has no midgets either; not with Jayson Brown (6-5, 255) and Ryan Turley (6-7, 280) in the lineup.

Quarterback Mike Schroeder (6-2, 205) has all the tools to be a top-notch field general. With Thomas (5-11, 180) in the lineup, Schroeder has a blue-chip JC receiver to play catch with. The former Westwood star not only has good speed (4.5), but is a terrific position receiver.

Several top freshmen could see lots of

1994 PRE-SEASON DANDY DOZEN

Pos.	Player	Size	School
QB.....	Marwin Lee	6-0, 190	Glendale
RB.....	Keith Martin	5-9, 190	Scottsdale
WR.....	Brandon Thomas	5-11, 180	Mesa
WR.....	Terrance Brown.....	5-11, 175	Scottsdale
TE.....	Kris Houser.....	6-3, 245	Glendale
OT.....	Ian Miller.....	6-8, 310	Mesa
DE.....	Hamilton Mee	6-3, 246	Phoenix
DE.....	Jason Brown	6-5, 255	Mesa
DT.....	Ryan Turley.....	6-7, 280	Mesa
DB.....	Mark Willis.....	6-3, 205	Phoenix
FS.....	Mike Johnson.....	6-3, 210	Glendale
RS.....	Xavier Brown.....	6-1, 190	Scottsdale

playing time, including TE Randy Hakes (6-4, 215) from Scottsdale Arcadia, WR Mark Young (6-2, 170) from Flagstaff Coconino, TB Mickey Gates (6-2, 217) from Mountain Pointe and WR James Richardson (6-3, 205) from Bradshaw Mountain. Key transfers include WR Freddie Dodson (6-5, 235) from Utah State and LB Sterling Edens (6-3, 235) out of Wyoming.

Phoenix College returns over 30 letter winners from a 4-5 club. But two really

stand out: DE Hamilton Mee (6-3, 246) and DB Mark Willis (6-3, 205), both all-conference selections. Mee may be All-America potential. Without a doubt, the Bears' strength is defense, where tackles David Evans (6-5, 265) and Rolph Mosley (6-4, 250) join Mee and Willis to form a rock hard front wall. Wideout Craig Spann (5-11, 180) and halfback Tony Thomas (5-8, 165) add speed to John Avianantos' inexperienced offense.

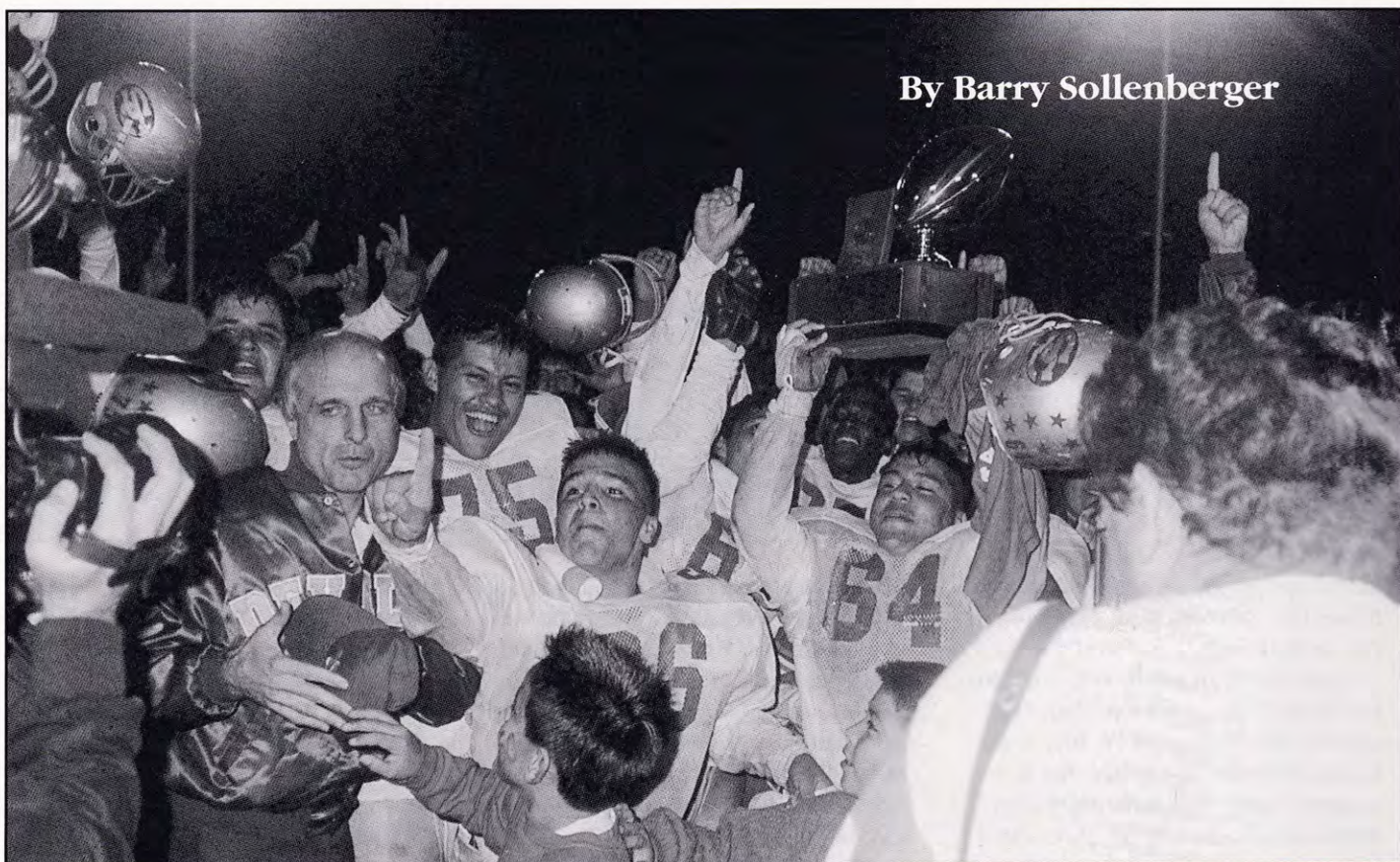
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From 13-0 in 1990 (above) to 0-9 two years later, Santa Cruz Union High School in Eloy is just a mere shadow of what was one of Arizona's most historic football programs.

Whatever Happened To Santa Cruz?

Located south of Casa Grande, half-way between Phoenix and Tucson, Eloy is one of many small Arizona towns flanking one of America's most historic highways - Interstate 10.

Blink and you'll miss it.

Especially today. Travelers would have to be well schooled on Arizona history to notice Eloy.

Unless you were a college football coach. Especially between 1958 and 1990.

This historic Arizona town, population 5,000, originally known for its cotton and agricultural products, became better known for its high school football. When the Dust Devils played at home, those Friday Night Lights to the east of the freeway stood tall and bright.

"The first coach we sent down there

was 'Bake (former ASU assistant Don Baker)," said legendary Arizona State head coach Frank Kush in 1978. "He came back and said, "Hell, there's a back down there better than anything we've seen in Phoenix since we got here (1955)."

That back was Art Malone.

Since Phoenix Union had produced George Greathouse; Mesa Warren and Andy Livingston; and South Mountain Dornel and Earliest Nelson, that was saying a lot.

For sure, Art Malone was the best black athlete to come out of a small Arizona town since Globe sent Clay Freney to Arizona State in 1958.

"Art was more than a football player," said Baker, who was best man at Malone's wedding. "He was an athlete. And he was tough."

Like several Dust Devils who followed him, Malone was an All-American in track & field. He ran the high hurdles in 14.0 seconds, and was the first Arizona schoolboy to clock 18.8 seconds in the 180 lows (an event no longer run in high school track).

On the gridiron Art was unstoppable, leading the Dust Devils to the school's first state football championship, a 27-7 win over Peoria at Sun Devil Stadium. In 12 games, the "Eloy Rocket" scored 37 touchdowns; six against Coolidge, five against Willcox and Hayden - a game in which he rushed for a school record 299 yards. He gained 1,746 on the season, earning first team high school All-America honors.

But there were still skeptics. That was soon to change in the 1966 North-

South All-Star game in Flagstaff, where Malone blitzed a North defense of players from larger AA schools for an All-Star record 212 yards.

"Art was the real deal before the all-star game was ever played," added Baker, who died in 1989. "That was just the icing on the cake."

But Art was not alone. His school-boy classmate, Paul Ray Powell, was also impressive in the Flagstaff classic. Recruited by the likes of Nebraska and UCLA, the football dandies signed A-State letters of intent on the same day.

Coached by Lonnie Foster, Malone and Powell combined to score 300 of Santa Cruz's 512 points and produced 3,176 offensive yards. Malone alone scored 222 points.

"So far as I'm concerned," Sun Devil assistant Paul Kemp said at the time, "in my eight years here, these are two of the finest prospects to come off the

same ball club. We feel both boys have the tools and ability to do a good job. It's up to them how far they go."

They went far.

Both played for Frank Kush. Powell was later an All-American outfielder for Bobby Winkles' 1969 NCAA championship baseball team. When Malone joined the Atlanta Falcons, Powell was a catcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers. At A-State, Powell was a defensive back in the fall; Malone a fullback.

"Frank Kush was one of the greatest coaches I played under," said Malone recently, from his office at ASU, where he is one of the school's Event Coordinators. "He demanded a 100% effort. He was ... just like a parent. You didn't want to go out and get in trouble and have him find out. But he stuck by you ... gave you a second chance.

"And Don Baker was the greatest running back coach I ever met," he added. "High school, college or pro. When he died ... that really hurt."

Troy Thomas was the most respected person in Eloy. More so than the mayor. Or the high school's football coach.

Thomas, who died in 1981 at age 50, was a teacher and coach in the district for 27 years. Following his death, local, county and state officials participated in a dedication at the athletic field at Eloy Junior High, in memory of Thomas.

Sherry Ferguson, Pinal County school superintendent, gave an emotional address. "You could not find a more fitting tribute to Troy Thomas," she said. "He cared. He taught his kids how to win or lose gracefully. He kept many students in school who otherwise would have dropped out. Troy was the only father figure many of his kids knew. A twinkle came to his eye when he talked about his kids."

Eloy Mayor Porfirio Pantoja added, "Troy had a positive effect on Eloy's youngsters. Our youth are the pride of our community and our greatest resource."

Thomas had received numerous community service awards, but was most proud of a Coaching and Friendship Award given by Atlanta Falcon running back Art Malone.

"Troy was my fifth grade teacher, and the main reason I got involved in athletics," says Malone, who first attended all-black Carver Elementary School, located on the south side of the railroad tracks which split the town. "He was responsible for a lot of kids getting involved in sports."

The Dust Devils played their first varsity game in 1949, but it wasn't until 1957 that this town produced its first true football star - halfback Jay Finchum.

The junior speedster burst upon the scene in November, during a 48-13 win over San Manuel. On 26 carries he gained 277 yards and scored four touchdowns, one a 76-yarder.

One year later the 5-foot, 11-inch transplant from Peoria, Ill., scored 150 points on 22 touchdowns and 18 PATS. His 8-2 club, coached by Pete Clark,



In less than 10 games, Ben Malone scored 30 touchdowns and rushed for 1,775 yards.

A Galaxy of Stars



Kevin Butler (left) and Eddie Cade flank head coach Jay Denton.



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Paul Ray Powell



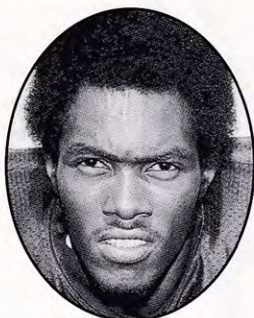
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Art Malone



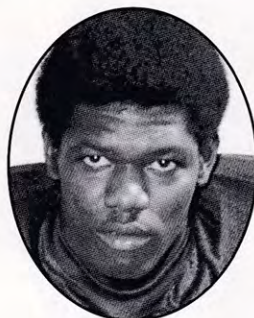
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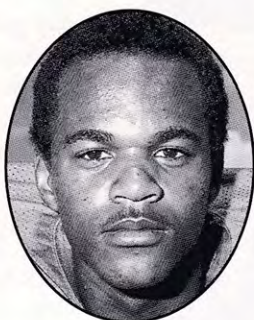
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Mossy Cade



Linebacker
Kenny Maddox

dropped a 14-13 heartbreaker to Chandler and a 21-6 contest to Casa Grande, when Finchum went out with an injury.

He rushed for 1,313 yards, 2,349 in a brief two year career. His five touchdown performance against Tucson Flowing Wells tied a school record set years earlier by Junior Osborn and Wiley Horton (see chart).

"In my opinion, that team with Finchum, Jimmy Myers, Jackie Prock, Bob Shay, was the start of Eloy football as we know it today," says Howard Dean, coach and athletic director at Santa Cruz for 35 years. "Finchum was the best fundamental player I've seen here."

For the next six years the Devils were coached by Bill Stovall, but it was during Lonnie Foster's first year, the 1965 campaign, that Santa Cruz football hit the front pages. Still, when Malone and Powell graduated, the Devils rolled on. After dropping early season games to Canyon del Oro and Flowing Wells, Foster's young '66 guns reloaded and knocked out nine straight foes, including talented Agua Fria in the Class A finals, 16-13. The passing of J.T. Burchett, the running of Les Rankin and kicking of Albert Jackson - a tough linebacker - made the team click.

By 1968, Pinal County had two new idols - Ben Malone and Larry Shorty. An all-junior backfield, led by quarterback Larry Foote, responded with a 7-3 record, highlighted by Malone's 1,587 yards and 20 touchdowns. Shorty and Malone were prime targets for Foote, as the Devils passed more than usual. Still, the college coaches knew they had a durable dandy after Malone scooted 256 yards against San Manuel; 291 against Willcox (on 34 carries) and 239 against Ajo (on 39 carries).

The '69 Devils were perfect. Backs Malone and David Cade were unstoppable. Nobody could rattle Foote. Nobody could cover Shorty. The crowds were terrific. A 61-2 win over Willcox was typical Malone: 22 carries, 220 yards, four touchdowns. Four-thousand fans watched a 27-0 shutout of Ajo. More than 5,000 paid to see the Devils beat rival Coolidge, 28-12. During a 62-12 rout of Snowflake,

Malone scored five TDs, and Cade scored on an 84-yard run. In a rematch with Ajo in the Class A finals, the Red Raiders fell again, 22-13. Foster had his third and final gold trophy. Three years later he was coaching in Chandler. By then, Malone and Shorty were playing in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

When Jay Denton replaced Foster the Dust Devils didn't skip a beat. In 1972, Miami fell 34-6 in the season opener, as Jimmy Malone and C.T. Strange - a candidate for the decade's "all-name" team - ran wild. But Miami turned the tables 11 weeks later in the state finals, beating the Devils 22-21 in one of the all-time great upsets in playoff history. "That really hurt," said Denton at the time. "The kids took that loss real hard."

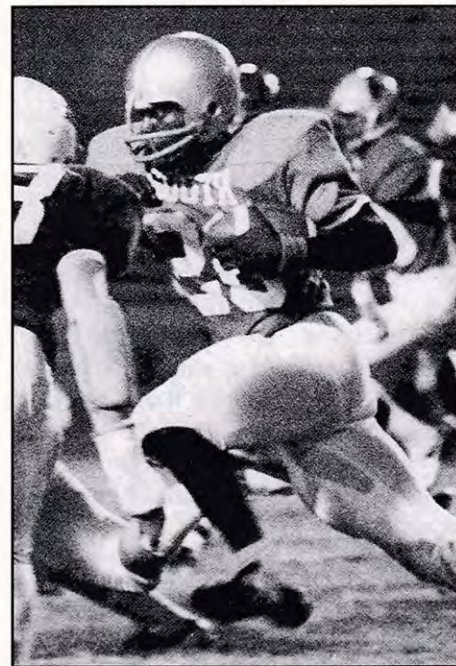
For the next five years, Denton's Devils played competitive ball. A close loss here, a close loss there; kept near perfect teams out of the playoffs. Still, Eloy football was typical Eloy football, as players like James Malone, Sam Johnson, Kenny Maddox, Jim Weddle, Art White, Bryant Ogle and Larry Strange ran around, over and through rival football stadiums.

Then came 1978, and the Cade Brothers - Mike and Mossy. It was to be Denton's last year (or so he thought) and it was to be his best. Or so he thought. By the time the Cades graduated, the football fields in Pinal County were in shambles.

During a 32-14 win over Sahuarita, Mossy scored three times, including an 88-yard kickoff and an 84-yard punt return, and tossed a 60-yard scoring strike to Eddie Chase. Mike scored once. He warmed up for Coolidge with a 249-yard night against Buckeye, including scoring runs of 80 and 95 yards.

But against Coolidge, played before 4,000 fans in Eloy, Cade was at his best, scoring three times - including an 82-yard kickoff return - during a 42-28 win. The Bears' Tony Ellis, later a star at Michigan State, was unstoppable. But nobody for Coolidge could stop anybody from Santa Cruz.

The Class A finals with Willcox, played at Amphitheater High in Tucson, was one of the most historic games in Arizona history. During a 40-



ALL-STAR GALORE! In the 1971 North-South classic, David Cade (40) brakes through the line. In 1974, Jimmy Malone explodes against the North.

36 Devil win, the lead changed hands 11 times. On 20 carries, Cade rushed for 299 yards and scored six times - in this order: 73 yard run, 54 yard run, 38 yard run, 54 yard run, 75 yard kickoff, and a nine yard run. In a gallant effort, the Cowboys little back, 5-foot, 8-inch Steve George, scored four TDs. Cade's 56 career touchdowns and 4,458 yards was tops in Arizona during the Decade of the '70s.

When it was over, Denton packed his bags and moved to Wyoming, to enter private business. Mike Cade signed with Michigan, then transferred to Arizona State and finished out a disappointing college career. Mossy, one year younger, guided an Ed Jones-coached Eloy club through an unbeaten campaign and the '79 state championship. He finished his college career as an All-American defensive back at the University of Texas, and was the No. 1 draft pick of the San Diego Chargers. Unfortunately, both of the Cades post-college careers were shortened by run-ins with the law.

Back in Eloy nothing changed. New coach Jim Ewan took charge for two years and went 22-3-0. His near perfect '80 club knocked out Buckeye in the Class A finals, 33-12. Carl Butler, Felton Malone, Joe Bennett and Greg Bingham were the new stars. A 23-20 loss to Buckeye in overtime, played in October, snapped a 22 game winning

streak. But the Hawks crumbled under Eloy's talent and tradition in the finals.

One year later, Ewan's second and last, SC went 10-2 and fell to Buckeye in the semifinals, 15-0. The rain and mud at Scottsdale's Saguaro High slowed Eloy's racehorse backfield of Bennett, Malone and Travis Cade to a crawl.

For the next six campaigns, Larry Foote and Dave Crumbaker shared coaching honors. Although the Devils were competitive, few playoff games were played. Still, typical SC athletes broke from each huddle: Cassius Matthews, Jerry Butler, Ruben Leos, Jed Shorty, Charles Matthews, Vincent Byrd, David Arvizu, James Hampton, Don Harris, "Pinky" Thornton and kicker Earthy Williams.

In 1988, with 444 students and just 22 varsity players, Crumbaker's club finished 4-5-1, and for the first time in years, played a full season with no Cades on the roster.

Then Jay Denton returned from Wyoming. "The job opened and I took it," said Denton. "It was that simple. But things had changed. The economy. The makeup of the community. The enrollment. We dropped down a classification."

With Denton in charge the wishbone was back. In 1989, his new squad, now playing schools from towns the bus used to drive through,

compiled a 7-5 record and advanced to the 2A semis, where rival Florence stomped them 34-19. Every bit as significant as who played, was who did not. Halfback Kevin Butler, because of disciplinary reasons, watched from the stands.

"We had a real young team, and (Kevin) Butler didn't play," says Denton. "We had to discipline him. The next year, after the fourth game, we knew we had a chance when we beat Coolidge in a real tough game at their place."

For the first time in decades, the school's enrollment dipped below 440 students. That was bad news for Class 2A schools. Not since 1968, when a Cleveland Colter-led Marana squad blitzed the "small school" ranks, has Arizona produced a 2A football team like Santa Cruz High of 1990.

Quarterback Ray Hornsby and running backs Kevin Butler, Eddie Cade and Joe Cade were out of their league. "I don't want to offend anybody in Mesa," said former Glendale



Although Art Malone (left) reached the pros, many fans in Eloy claim the Dust Devils' best back ever was Mike Cade (right).



Community College assistant David Rice, now the head coach at Mesa CC, "but Mesa High won the 5A title that year, and except for their quarterback (Grady Benton), nobody in their back-

field could have started at Eloy."

Against Coolidge, Butler scored twice, Eddie Cade once, and Jimmy Jimenez booted a 26 yard field goal in a 23-18 win, highlighted by a 98 yard touchdown run by the Bears' Jeremy Johnson. Coolidge was one of two 3A schools on the Devils' schedule. The following week, Butler rushed for 237 yards on 22 carries as SC blitzed eventual state 3A runnerup Miami, 46-14.

Ten players, including Butler for disciplinary reasons, missed the Devils' 12-0 win over Ajo. Then Chandler Seton Catholic fell 47-14 in a game marred by 20 fumbles. The league crown was wrapped up with a 42-0 rout of Maricopa; a game called after the first half by the newly adapted "mercy rule." Eloy's wishbone ran for 292 yards in one half.

In the first round of the state playoffs, Butler averaged 20.2 yards on 14 carries and scored on runs of 54, 80, one and 24 yards, during a 40-8 win over San Pasqual, a California school playing in the Arizona Interscholastic Association. The game was played in Gila Bend.

Then, in the quarterfinals, SC gave up 326 yards to Tempe Valley Christian, most of it gained by the Trojans' terrific young quarterback, Armon Williams. However, nobody at VCH could stop Santa Cruz's backs. Eddie Cade had his best night ever, gaining 246 yards on 15 carries and scoring four touchdowns. Butler

Big Days

TOUCHDOWNS

- 6 ... Art Malone vs Coolidge, 1965
- 6 ... Mike Cade vs Willcox, 1978
- 5 ... Junior Osborn vs Agua Fria, 1951
- 5 ... Wiley Horton vs Thatcher, 1954
- 5 ... Jay Finchum vs Flowing Wells, 1958
- 5 ... Art Malone vs Willcox, 1965
- 5 ... Art Malone vs Hayden, 1965
- 5 ... Ben Malone vs Snowflake, 1969
- 5 ... David Cade vs Tolleson, 1970
- 5 ... Jim Weddle vs Ajo, 1975

RUSHING YARDS

- 299 ... Art Malone vs Hayden, 1965
- 299 ... Mike Cade vs Willcox, 1978
- 291 ... Ben Malone vs Willcox, 1968
- 283 ... Kevin Butler vs San Pasqual, 1990
- 277 ... Jay Finchum vs San Manuel, 1957
- 270 ... Jim Weddle vs Ajo, 1975
- 266 ... Jim Weddle vs Bisbee, 1975
- 256 ... Ben Malone vs San Manuel, 1968
- 250 ... Mike Cade vs Sahuarita, 1977
- 249 ... Mike Cade vs Buckeye, 1978

LONGEST RUN (SCRIMMAGE)

- 99 ... Manuel Chacon vs Florence, 1954
- 97 ... Junior Osborn vs Agua Fria, 1951
- 97 ... Frank Cade vs Nogales, 1964
- 95 ... Mike Cade vs Buckeye, 1978
- 90 ... Terrance Silas vs Sahuarita, 1988
- 86 ... Kevin Butler vs Superior, 1990
- 85 ... Mike Cade vs Marana, 1977
- 85 ... Terrance Silas vs Ajo, 1989
- 84 ... David Cade vs Snowflake, 1969

- 83 ... Sam Johnson vs Tucson CDO, 1974
- 83 ... Terrance Silas vs Wickenburg, 1988

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

- 99 ... Paul Ray Powell vs San Manuel, '65
- 91 ... Henry Ballard vs Superior, 1953
- 90 ... Wiley Horton vs Buckeye, 1954
- 80 ... Jerry Butler vs Miami, 1982
- 78 ... Floyd Cade vs Globe, 1981
- 77 ... Cassius Matthews vs Bisbee, 1982
- 75 ... Jon Berryhill vs San Manuel, 1959
- 70 ... Bobby Ballard vs Chandler, 1955
- 68 ... Mossy Cade vs Buckeye, 1979
- 66 ... Tommie Lee Butler vs Mohave, 1980

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN

- 95 ... Ralph Moran vs Tolleson, 1970
- 95 ... Charles Matthews vs Show Low, '83
- 94 ... Felix Samaniego vs Ajo, 1952
- 94 ... Eddie Cade vs Florence, 1989
- 93 ... Charles Matthews vs Safford, 1984
- 91 ... Mike Cade vs Parker, 1978
- 91 ... Eddie Cade vs Miami, 1989
- 90 ... C.T. Strange vs San Manuel, 1971
- 90 ... C.T. Strange vs Superior, 1972

LONGEST PUNT RETURN

- 90 ... Mossy Cade vs Ajo, 1977
- 85 ... C.T. Strange vs Miami, 1972
- 84 ... C.T. Strange vs Coolidge, 1972
- 84 ... Mossy Cade vs Sahuarita, 1978
- 76 ... Kevin Butler vs Chandler Seton, '90
- 75 ... Art Malone vs Willcox, 1965
- 75 ... Eddie Cade vs Ajo, 1989
- 68 ... Mossy Cade vs Ajo, 1977
- 68 ... Ed Chase vs Ajo, 1979

gained 235 yards on 10 carries and scored three. As a team, SC gained 606 yards, 546 rushing. In a 45-25 win, the fans watched 932 yards total offense in less than two hours.

When Eddie Cade ran the opening kickoff back 77 yards in the semifinals, Thatcher knew it was in for a long night. Well, not really. Thanks to the "mercy rule," this one ended early in the third quarter, 42-0.

Superior was the sacrificial lamb in the finals, 33-7. Butler scored a title game record four touchdowns, averaging 11.1 yards per carry. His longest touchdown jaunt covered 86 yards.

On the season, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior scored 30 touchdowns, rushed for 1,892 yards (second best in school history to Mike Cade), and averaged a school record 13.4 yards per carry. He was joined in the backfield of the *Super All-State* squad by Tucson Amphi's Mario Bates, Mesa's Grady Benton and Brophy Prep sophomore Mike Mitchell.

As a team, the Devils seventh state championship club posted six shutouts, averaged 34.5 points, rushed

for 4,446 yards and managed 5,292 yards total offense.

Then the bottom fell out.

Two years after his '90 club went 13-0, Denton's Devils finished 0-9. He stepped aside to make room for John Batina, the current coach. "In 1989, you couldn't give enough credit to our superintendent, Dr. John Beamer," says Denton, who today coaches only wrestling. "He's retired now. He backed us 100%. When you can't get administrative cooperation from the top, you lose it all.

"Today, there is no continuity from the junior high through high school," he insists. "Small things to some people were big things to me. Look at the playing field. It used to be the best. Now it's the worst. Some equipment is poor. There's no pride. It comes from the top.

"We have had great kids come through the program," Denton continues. "But on the high school level, you win with little kids who you develop through the ranks. Good high school players. The Cades and the Malones

were the studs, but the other kids made it go."

Art Malone was the third of 10 children. His oldest brother was killed in a hunting accident. Both his parents are now deceased. "I haven't been back since mom died," he admits. "Today, there has been so many changes. There is nothing to keep young people there. The growth is in Casa Grande."

Howard Dean refuses to point a finger, but does admit to changes. "We're the smallest 3A school in the state," he claims. "Fifteen years ago we had close to 600 students in the school. Today we're happy with 450. We'll start at 500 in September, then drop. The farming is not as stable. People are moving out, not in."

"Football in Eloy used to be so important, you had the kids' attention as soon as they walked on campus," concludes Denton. "If you don't make it important, you lose them. Then the community loses interest ... that's the saddest of all. When you have a school with a great tradition like Santa Cruz had in football ... you hate to see it get away."



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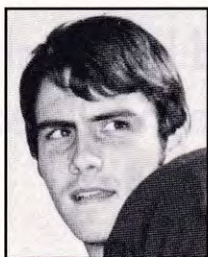
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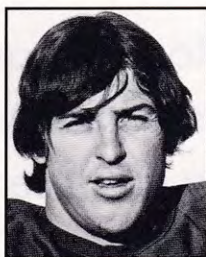
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1988.....Lance Smith, Mountain View, RB
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1985.....Bob Davis, Mountain View, LB
1984.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, WR
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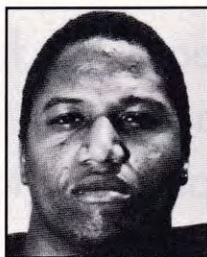
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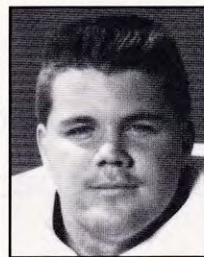
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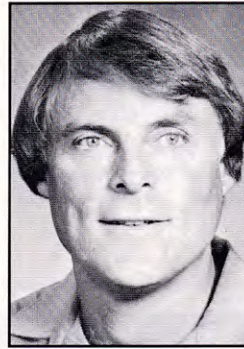
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

The Devils' Recruiting Dilemma



Have the Devils lost the edge?

If I had a dime every time that question was directed my way last February, I'd be a rich man. It came on the heels of another surprising recruiting campaign by Arizona State University, and its new staff under Bruce Snyder. The Devils landed 21 California high school products; one from Colorado, one from Nevada, and one from Arizona - a fullback from a Tempe high school who wasn't even a member of the Tempe All-City team.

Last February, and into the spring, Arizona schoolboy products signed their names on dotted lines belonging to schools like Arizona, Nebraska, Tennessee, UCLA, Brigham Young, and so forth. It was another banner year for schoolboy football in the Grand Canyon State.

However, people have bad memories, especially Sun Devil football fans. In college football the name of the game is "winning." If Snyder's incoming class leads ASU to a Rose Bowl in four years, nobody will remember where they came from - much less what high school they attended.

In fairness to Snyder's staff, they did recruit several local players. But they chose to go elsewhere. Examples: Mesa halfback Robert Holcombe (Illinois); Tempe back Darnell Autry (Northwestern); South Mountain back Terry Fair (Tennessee); South receiver Kenny Cheatham (Nebraska). Yes, in a sense, the Devils *have* lost the edge. Especially locally. But don't forget, since October of 1979, A-State has had six different head football coaches and 53 different assistants.

Success breeds success. Winning solves many problems. From the mid '50s to the mid '80s, ASU played great college football. But to a young teenager, that was long ago. When ASU played Michigan in the 1987 Rose Bowl, many of this year's recruits were in the fifth or sixth grades. At that time, they couldn't find Tempe if you gave them a map. In 1979, when legendary head coach Frank Kush was fired, these kids were three or four years old.

During the Decade of the '70s, over 70% of all Arizona high school products in the NFL played college football at Arizona State. Not today. Today, more Arizona high school grads (29) dot NFL rosters than Sun Devil grads (19). In last April's NFL draft, more Arizona schoolboy products (5) were drafted than Sun Devils (2). And that's counting Mario Bates - a Tucson Amphi grad - twice.

There are still people who believe Arizona produces, on an average, only six major college football products per year. That's six who can play at A-State's level. Those people need to find a new line of work.

A winning football program at Arizona State will solve a lot of problems. Especially recruiting. Local teenagers will grow up wanting to someday be a Sun Devil. Just like they used to do.

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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FOOTBALL ...

1. Today, this former Arizona school-boy star (photo) is the fastest player in the National Football League. Who is he and what high school did he attend?

2. Who was the first Arizona high school product to start at quarterback in the NFL?

- a) Danny White, Mesa Westwood
- b) Fred Enke, Tucson
- c) Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington
- d) Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro
- e) Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia

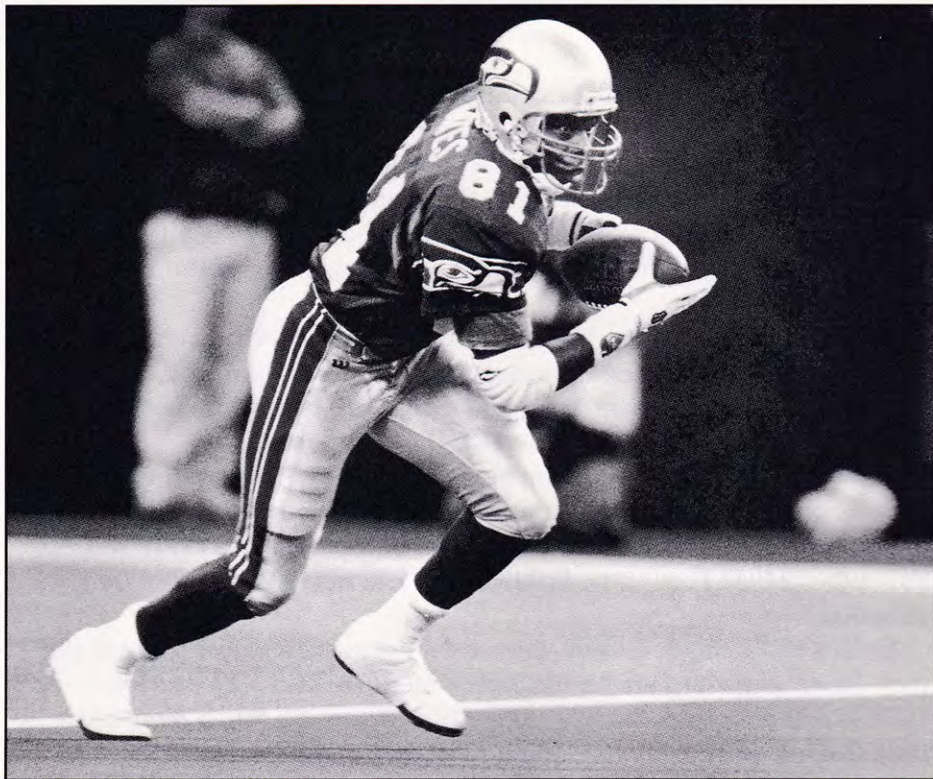
3. Only one Arizona high school has won 500 or more football games. That school is

- a) Phoenix Union
- b) Phoenix St. Mary's
- c) Tucson High
- d) Mesa High
- e) Bisbee

4. Percentage wise (.814), this is the winningest high school football program in Arizona today:

- a) Mesa Mountain View
- b) Lakeside Blue Ridge
- c) Phoenix St. Mary's
- d) Eloy Santa Cruz
- e) St. Johns

5. This Phoenix area school produced the 1993 Outland Trophy Winner:



This former Arizona high school star is the fastest player in the NFL. Who is he?

- a) Mesa
- b) Phoenix Maryvale
- c) Scottsdale Horizon
- d) Tucson Sahuaro
- e) South Mountain

6. True or false? The crowd at the '93

Arizona 5A title game (20,142) outdrew the crowds at both the Texas finals and Southern California title game.

7. Last year, over 30 former Arizona high school products dotted NFL rosters, representing every position but

- a) Quarterback
- b) Running Back
- c) Offensive Line
- d) Wide Receiver
- e) Linebacker
- f) Defensive Line

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1) Michael Bates, Tucson Amphl, 2) b - Fred Enke, 3) d - Mesa High, 4) a - Mountain View, 5) c - Scottsdale Horizon, 6) True, 7) b - Running Back.

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